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'Sign second petition to save Minor Injury Units and force Government to respond'

JORDAN **DAY**
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A SECOND online petition has been launched in a bid to save Minor Injury Units in Ely and Fenland from closure.

Local resident Carol Harley is the woman behind the petition on the UK Government and Parliament website.

More than 1,140 people have signed it so far and if the petition gets 10,000 signatures, the Government will respond to it.

Resident Emma Watson, who also set up an online petition to save the Minor Injury Units (MIU) at *change.org* on July 27 – which has been signed more than 4,570 times – is urging people to sign Carol's petition.

Emma told the *Ely News*: "I'll be getting in touch with Carol and I'm urging everyone to sign her petition – even those who have signed mine.

"We need to get 10,000 signatures so that we can get the Government to respond to it.

"That's our aim now and I know from the amount of concern people have about the future of their MIUs that we can achieve it."

As reported, a report written by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

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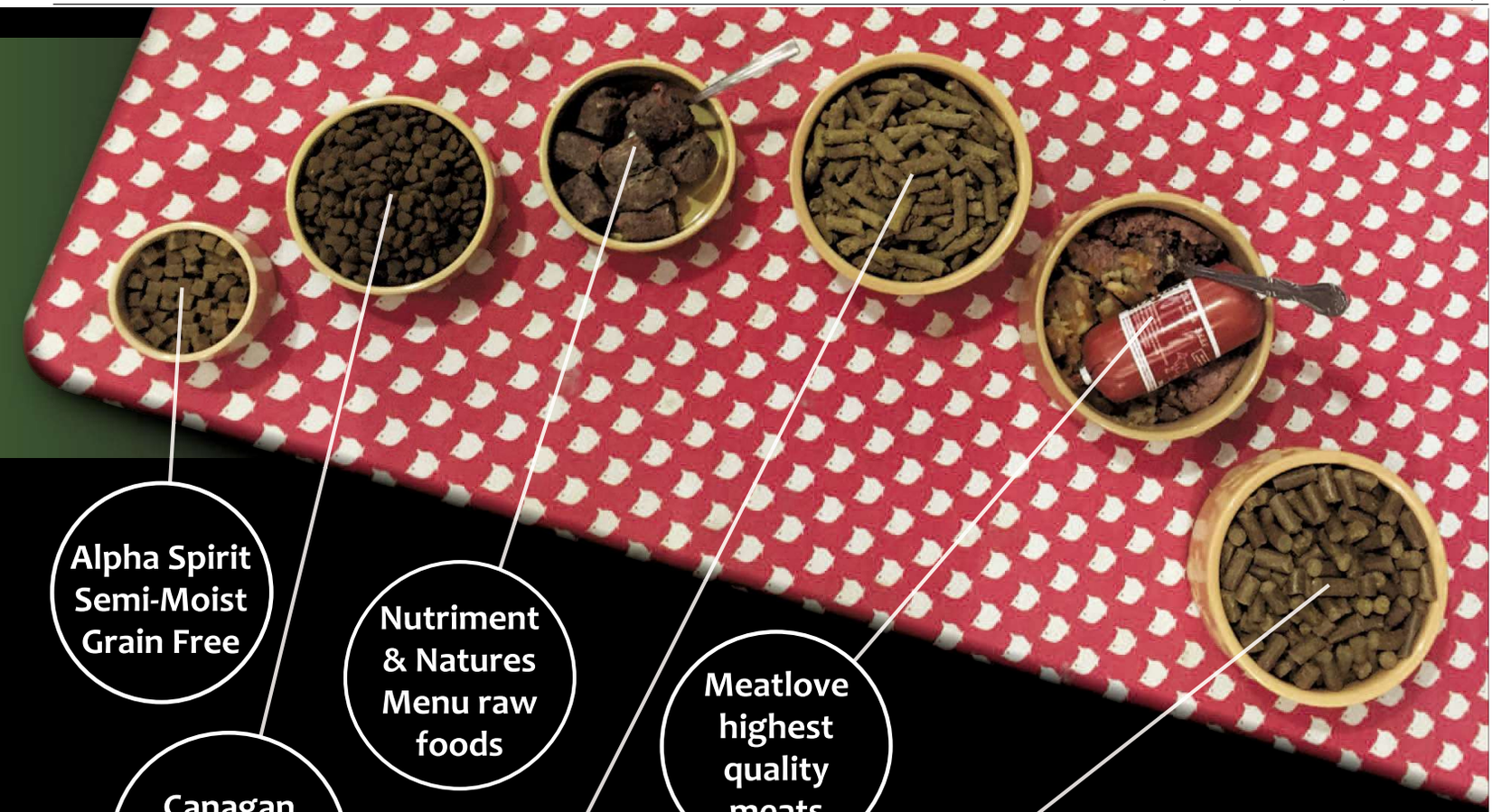

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COMMUNITY

Boy racers – more concerns

JORDAN **DAY**
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MORE residents have voiced concerns about boy racers in the Ely area.

The *Ely News* reported last week how families said their lives are being made a misery – and that people's lives are being put in danger – by drivers using certain parts of the city as "race tracks" – particularly at night.

Areas highlighted include the Cambridgeshire Business Park, in Angel Drove, as well as Forehill, Market Street and Prickwillow Road.

Droves more people have been speaking up about the issue on the *Ely News* Facebook page.

Jess Harvey-Bowman said: "It's a huge problem for Ely and surrounding villages. We hear them most nights and are astonished they get away with it.

"Parts of Ely and the A10 are used as a racecourse at night. Still plenty of innocent drivers on the roads at all hours. It has to stop before someone gets killed."

Emma Weise said: "Lots down St Johns Road too with noisy cars and driving far too fast. It's a residential area and should be treated as such."

Stephen Marshall echoed Emma's concerns and wrote: "St Johns Road is a nightmare; idiot drivers using the mini roundabout as a practice chicane. Regular 60mph speeds in a 30mph – never ever see a copper."

Jeannette Sendall said: "We hear them on Cam Drive late at night. I worry about my children learning to drive on these roads. Where are the police and speed cameras?"

Police say all anti-social behaviour is "taken very seriously" and that officers are "carrying out patrols and offering words of advice to motorists".

EVENT

HAPPY HOG: Owner Emily Keates (main picture) invited people to give Fella a fuss at the event at the Cherry Tree pub in Soham

Handsome hog meets his fans at pub

FELLA the infamous house pig was the star of the show in Soham on Saturday.

His owner, Emily Keates, held a 'Meet Fella' event in the garden of the Cherry Tree pub to enable families to meet him, educate people about veganism and raise funds for the Retreat Animal Rescue in Kent.

Fella was rescued from a meat farm in Essex by Emily in 2014 when he was just 13 weeks old and the larger-than-life hog lives the life of Riley inside her home in Soham.

In fact, pop round there in the evening and you're likely to find him curled up next to her on the sofa.

Emily said: "The event went really well and Fella loved all the attention. He was even refusing food from people by the end of the day which is certainly a first."

Follow Fella's blog at *theamazingfella.com*.

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CRIME

Police appeal after 'mindless' vandalism to flower display

POLICE are appealing for information after around £200 worth of flowers were ripped out of a planter in Ely and strewn across the road.

The incident happened at the three-tier planter outside the Fish Net fish and chip shop at the junction with New Barns Road and Newnham Street, some time between Sunday morning and Bank Holiday Monday morning.

The planter is owned by the City of Ely Council and the flowers had been planted by Ken and Linda Ellis, who are contracted by the council to supply and look after the city's hanging basket and planter displays.

Chair of the Ely in Bloom Committee, Alison Arnold, said: "We're all really annoyed by what's happened. It's totally mindless; I hope whoever did it is really pleased with themselves."

The incident has been reported to police and anyone who has any information about it is urged to call 101.

FIRE

Wildwood reopens after blaze

AN Ely restaurant forced to close temporarily after a fire has reopened for business.

Firefighters were called to Wildwood in High Street last Wednesday after a blaze broke out in the restaurant's extraction system.

Crews from Ely, Littleport and Soham rushed to the premises at around 11.40pm.

The branch was closed until Friday evening. Speaking to the *Ely News* on Friday afternoon, a spokesman said: "We're looking forward to welcoming people back through the doors.

"The fire started in the extraction system and nobody was to blame for what happened."

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "A fire had broken out in the extraction system in the roof void of a restaurant, located in a three-storey building.

"Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus used two hose reels to extinguish the fire, and thermal imaging cameras were used to check for hotspots.

"Crews returned to their stations by 2.55am. The cause of the fire was accidental, by equipment."

Goodies from the continent

TASTY TREATS: Meghdad on the olive stall at the continental market

SIGHTS, smells and sounds from across Europe filled Ely's streets over the weekend.

The popular continental market came to town and bright sunshine brought thousands of families flocking to it from Saturday through to Bank Holiday Monday.

Operated by Savoir Fayre, the market included a variety of stalls operating alongside the regular markets.

French cheeses, Italian confectionery and Spanish doughnuts were in abundance – much to the delight of food junkies – plus there was everything from soaps and perfumes to jewellery and toys for shoppers to browse and buy.

LEISURE

Pool to go but centre to stay

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ELY'S Paradise Swimming Pool will close when the new leisure centre is built – but the Paradise Sports Centre will remain open.

It had been anticipated that both the pool facilities and the sports centre in Newnham Street would shut when the new leisure centre in Downham Road opened.

But it has been confirmed this week that that will not be the case.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chair of East Cambs District Council's commercial services committee, said: "The new Ely leisure centre will replace Paradise Pools, however the Paradise Centre, which operates outside the district council's responsibilities, will stay open.

"Existing pool staff currently employed by the council will transfer across to the new centre on protected terms of employment.

"We will build as much continuity as possible into the booking arrangements and pricing structure going forward through ongoing discussions with our operators."

Work on the new centre is due to start this month with the facilities set to open in early 2018.

According to the council's Draft Local Plan from 2012, the authority aims to build more than 60 new homes in the area known as 'Paradise Quarter' – and a multi-storey car park.

But Cllr Hobbs insists the council has "no immediate plans" for either the swimming pool site or the Paradise playing field.

COMMUNITY

10,000 the target in health campaign

From front page

was leaked by a whistleblower to North East Cambs MP Steve Barclay saying that the MIU at Ely's Princess of Wales Hospital – as well as the MIUs at Doddington and Wisbech hospitals – are at risk of closing. The CCG insists it is looking at "a number of options" and that no decision to close any of the units has been made, but the report has sparked concern across the region.

James Palmer, leader of East Cambs District Council, has also confirmed he is demanding answers from the CCG.

He said: "These MIUs are used by around 30,000 patients every year. They are a valuable resource and the feeling from the general public is that we cannot afford to lose them. We need some answers."

To see Carol's petition, visit *petition.parliament.uk/petitions/163267*.

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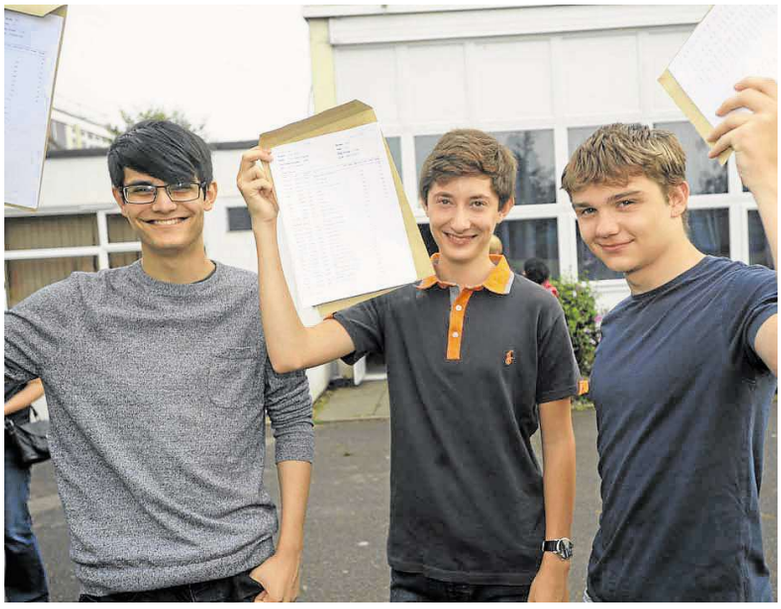
WAIT IS OVER: From Left Myiah Stevens Megan Rouse YasmineDoade and Victoria Pritchard with their eagerly awaited results Picture: Richard Patterson

RESULTS DAY: King's Ely students compare grades on the big day



PROUD MOMENT: Making the grades for Witchford Village College are, from left, Mason Homes Elliott Warren and Joey Ricci

EDUCATION

GCSE grades improve at all of East Cambs' secondary schools

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ALL SMILES: All is revealed for this line-up of King's Ely students, where 95 per cent achieved the benchmark qualifications.

WHAT A RESULT: Catherine Jones, left, and Alice Graham from Witchford Village College

STUDENTS from across East Cambs collected their all-important GCSE results last Thursday.

At King's Ely, 95 per cent of students achieved the benchmark qualification of at least five A* to C grades, including maths and English. Last year's figure was 93 per cent.

At Ely College, 47 per cent of pupils achieved at least five A* to C grades – an improvement on last year's 36 per cent.

70 per cent of students at Soham Village College achieved at least five A* to C grades, which was the same as last year, and at Witchford Village College, 67 per cent of pupils did – an improvement on last year's 58 per cent.

Among the high achievers at King's were Kitty Foster and Katie Diss, who both achieved 11 A* and an A in Further Maths.

A total of 11 students received all A* and A grades, and a further seven achieved all A*, A and B grades.

Jane Thomas, vice principal academic, said: "These results are a testament to the hard work and focus of both students and teachers. We are very proud of all of our young people."

At Ely College, 21 per cent of students also achieved the EBacc qualification.

Among the high achievers were Madeleine Rose who achieved eight A*s and two As, Emily McCord who achieved three A*s and seven As, and Rosa Kelly who achieved two A*s and eight As.

Evelyn Forde, who has since stepped down as principal, said: "I am delighted that the strategies we put in place with a real focus on teaching and learning has led to this great set of results."

In July, Ely College transferred to a new sponsor, the Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT), which will take over next term.

Chris Tweedale, CEO of the trust, said: "We would like to congratulate Evelyn and her staff on the improvements made during the year."

Among the high achievers at Soham Village College were Nick Threadgold and Rebecca Revie, who both gained 10 A* grades.

A further 17 students achieved a majority of A* grades, including Jade Jesty, Imogen Hayton, Ellen Solberg-Williams, Bethany Cawthorne, Dominic Wills, Joshua Lowe, Megan Simpson, Jamie Gooding, Stephanie Susanto, Rory Kemp, Saskia Winkel and Natasha Malkin.

College principal, Dr Carin Taylor, said: "Once again we are delighted that so many students have made such good progress across the whole range of GCSE subjects. We congratulate them all and wish them every success as they move onto the next phase of their education or training.

Among the high achievers at Witchford Village College were Ilhaam Kahn-Blunden, who achieved 12 A*s, Hannah Gosling, who achieved 11 A*s and As, Lucy Grinnell and Roslyn Seabright, who both achieved 10 A*s and As, Jenna Loades, Catherine Jones and Christine Street, who all achieved nine A*s and As, and Alice Graham, who achieved eight A*s and As.

From the boys, Ben White and Adam Tahir both gained eight A*s and As, and James Bareham, Harvey Cross, James Ingham and Chris Weaving all achieved six A*s and As.

Principal, Chris Terry, said: "We are delighted with our results. We have seen a significant rise across all performance measures from last year. Once again, every pupil left with at least four qualifications, which is very important to us as a college."

CELEBRATIONS: The smiles say it all for Natasha Malkin, left and Anghared Bell of Soham Village College

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City has much to be proud of

I'M bitterly disappointed by the recent decision of the ECDC planning committee regarding Barton Road, and remain anxious concerning plans for the development for Ely's market place by the same committee.

However, on a more positive note I'd like to sing the praises of the station with its flags and bunting to celebrate the Olympics (and I trust they will stay up for the Paralympics).

What a wonderful welcome for visitors and mood-lifter for commuters. And what a brilliant example of civic enterprise for the High Street Passage shops to put their own bunting and celebrate its unique character (due to its architecture and independent shops) in a street party for all ages. What with the continental market over the Bank Holiday weekend and the superb flowers decking the streets, there is still much for the city to be proud of.

Charlotte Dean
Dovehouse Close
Ely

What happens to existing site?

AS the new sports complex is progressing my thoughts turn to the existing sports centre and surrounding area and wonder what the council will do with that piece of land.

The loos after all have already been condemned, and we don't need any more parking spaces in the city otherwise they wouldn't be building on them in Barton Square and as for a football pitch/cricket pitch/children's playing area, well obviously we'll have them at the new complex.

Maybe they'll grant themselves permission to build executive houses on it.

Surely though, if this is the case the trading company and councillors will have to work swiftly because they will undoubtedly be unelectable next time round . . . won't they?

Name and address supplied

Time to join the real world

I VERY nearly ran over a teenager last week. It was at a crossing with traffic lights, the light had recently turned green to the traffic, and he just stepped out in front of me.

He wore large stylish headphones and he was looking intently at his phone. My squealing tyres hardly made him look up, then his attention was back to his phone. I don't think the incident registered with him to even learn by.

Several years ago, a teenage student in a local school stepped off a curb and got hit by a car. She spent many weeks in plaster, but that was not the end of it. Prior, she was a successful student, but her grades just plummeted after. Not just her, but her younger sister also had confidence issues. The parents must have felt awful, and I'm sure the driver of the car did not get up that morning to go out and ruin lives.

Parents: teenagers are hard work (I was once an owner/operator). They don't take advice easily.

Still. You need to do something.

R Palmer
Ely

Don't let them kill off hope

FOR more than 20 years our council-based local government system has totally failed to deliver a balanced and sustainable community. Demarcation between each council has lead to absurd planning and infrastructure decisions.

Council decisions, often based on lowest common consensus, have been slow, half hearted and contradictory. Whilst many have demanded council mergers, the politicians have ignored them.

Replacing the council system with a mayoral system has also been scuppered by local politicians more concerned about their roles than effective decision making.

This demarcation is most in focus at the South Cambs, Cambridge border. Tree lined roads give way to multi-coloured tarmac. In Cambridge, it seems, every piece of green space, or characterful house has been replaced by five and six storey flats or offices.

The solution for Cambridge lies in Cambridgeshire, not within a city already over developed and "over-heating". And some of the problems of Cambridgeshire can be helped by Cambridge.

Central government has given us an opportunity to make local decision making fast, responsive, coherent and coordinated.

We must not allow the local politicians to kill our one hope of effective local government.

Peter Dawe
Broad Street
Ely

Vote for Labour led by Owen

SOME of us seek inspiration in our politics and our politicians – though few of us find it. Owen Smith's announcement – that without us knowing what Brexit actually means, Labour, under his leadership, would vote against triggering 'Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty' – the means by which Brexit negotiations must be begun – is inspirational. We have a parliamentary democracy. There is no way that Theresa May ought to exercise 'the Royal Prerogative' – a power derived directly from the Queen – to do the triggering, so there must be a vote (or votes) in Parliament.

The Conservatives cannot be trusted on this because they are so divided and nobody seems now to know what Brexit actually means, so Mr Smith has spoken for the people who hold by our parliamentary democracy.

In my opinion – though it is not my business as I am not a Labour Party member – he has given such people as are Labour Party members an inspirational reason to vote for him in the Labour leadership election and, probably more importantly, an inspirational reason for the rest of us to vote Labour under Owen Smith in an

VISITORS: Daniel, 10, left and brother Edward, 2
Picture: Richard Patterson

Hundreds turn out to Autumn Show

BLOOMING begonias and massive marrows wowed members of the public – and judges – in Ely.

Hundreds of people turned out to the City of Ely and District Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show.

The annual extravaganza, now in its 89th year, was held at the Paradise Leisure Centre on Saturday and Sunday.

It featured around 170 classes of flowers, fruits and vegetables, as well as an array of homemade cakes and beers.

Quilting was introduced to the show for the first time this year and visitors were also able to try their hand at a number of other activities, including wood turning, flower arranging, handicrafts and knitting.

Peter Holden, vice chairman of the society, said this year's vegetables had been "surprisingly good" despite the weather and also said the begonias were "exceptional".

He added: "We had a nice steady flow of visitors. It's one of those events that happens in Ely and fortunately the younger people who are moving into Ely are also starting to get involved."

The show was opened by Ian and Suzanne Lindsay, Mayor and Mayoress of Ely. Search for the society on Facebook to get involved.

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early general election. Go Owen!
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Cyclist boost for heart fund

I AM writing to call upon your readers to sign up for the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) annual London to Brighton Off-Road Bike Ride on Saturday September 24 2016, and help fight back against heart and circulatory disease, which is responsible for a quarter of all UK deaths.

Last year, the amazing fundraisers who took on the 75-mile cycle challenge helped to raise around £300,000 for the BHF's vital research into heart disease. This year we want to raise even more.

By signing up to the BHF's London to Brighton Off-Road Bike Ride and conquering this popular event, the money you help raise will fund the BHF's research to improve the lives of those affected by heart disease every day. Entry fees will be £35. Register by visiting bhf.org.uk/l2boffroad or calling the events team on 0845 130 8663.
Kate McCormak
BHF Event Organiser

Understanding the big picture

GLOBAL depletion is a word used to describe the loss of our primary resources on earth – it is essentially about sustainability.

Most people now are aware of the atrocities of factory farms, the issues with high fructose corn syrup – specifically in the US, and the industrialisation or processing of foods with their contribution to obesity. But beyond these we have loss of biodiversity, world hunger, sustainability of our own health, agricultural land use inefficiencies and loss of rainforests, pollution and the state of oceans and fish as well as the effects on climate change.

So while it seems that collective attention has been on global warming, it is only a small fragment of the more complex picture of what we are doing to ourselves and to our planet, as it is one component of the bigger picture of global depletion.

Defining renewable as it relates to our resources is complicated. For instance water is generally viewed as 'renewable' and yet some of the water that is used daily on our planet comes from sources that take thousands of years to create.

In the US in particular but also in other developed countries of the world, there is an unhealthy dietary dependence on animals and animal products. We collectively raise, feed, water, kill and eat over 70 billion animals a year – ten times as many as people on earth. In doing so these animals use and deplete our renewable and non- renewable resources – they use food, water, land, air, and fossil fuels or other energy resources that could be used by people.
Kate Travers
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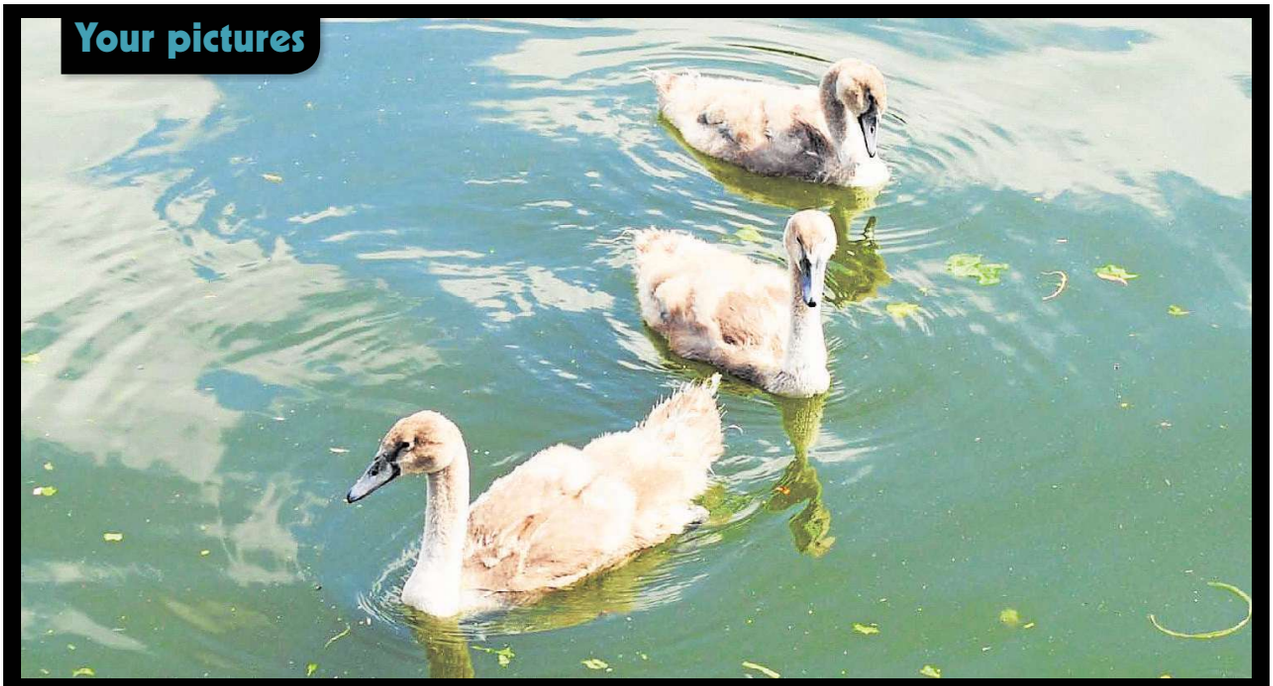

BIRD WATCH: Veronica J Poultney took this lovely photo of three cygnets on the River Great Ouse at Ely

SILHOUETTE: Ely Cathedral in a heat haze was taken at RSPB Ouse Washes by Gill Allmark from Histon

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REVIEW

CAST's production of *As You Like It* in Ely Cathedral

The University of Cambridge American Stage Tour presented a delightfully entertaining production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in Ely Cathedral presbytery.

These highly talented performers captured our hearts from the start and we could relate perfectly to the characters, ranging from the lovely Rosalind (played by Amy Malone) and love-stricken Orlando (Joe Pitts) to the well matched Touchstone (Ryan Monk) and Bawdy Audrey (Megan Gulbert). Every character was true and the reactions to each other's speeches were particularly impressive.

The witty Shakespearean language was delivered with astute, expressive timing while scenery costumes and manner of the characters were brought up-to-date without ever losing the high quality of Shakespeare's twists and turns in his witty script and complex plot.

The ingenious stage tableaux, especially the sheep scene and the beautiful highly appropriate music (by Jamie Felton) had us transfixed.

Special moments for me were the realistic fight scene at the beginning of the play when Orlando attacked his brother Oliver (Alasdair McNab), Celia (AliceCarlill) and her disdain as she casually read a book ignoring the intricate games the lovers around her played and the MacDonald's picnic. Only a highly successful group such as this would get away with it.

This excellent group will begin their American tour this month.

For more information contact http://www.castcambridge.com/

Rosemary Westwell

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Happy 18th. Love from Uncle Paul, Aunty Karen, Grandad, G Ma, Gospode and Grebo

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Penny PEARSON

Happy Birthday to a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother on 31st August, 2016. Lots of love from your husband Tony and all the Family

x x x

Deaths

HARPER
Ronald William

Passed away to rest on 22nd August 2016 aged 94 years. Devoted husband of the late Joan and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. A much respected retired school teacher. Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Ely on Friday 9th September 2016 at 3.30pm followed by a private family cremation. Family flowers only, but donations are welcomed for Cancer Research UK and The Motor Neurone Disease Association via Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely CB7 4HW 01353 666566

Family Announcements

McCALLUM
John Robert (Ian)

Passed away on Sunday 21st August 2016 at Addenbrookes Hospital aged 83 years.

Much loved husband of Margaret and loved stepfather of Sandra and husband Terry, Andrea and husband Adolphus.

Grandfather to Christopher and his partner Kim and a great grandfather.

Funeral service and committal at St Andrew's Church Sutton, on Tuesday 6th September at 11:00am.

Family flowers only but donations if desired for Guide Dogs may be left at the service or sent to

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WILLIS
Joyce
Of Ely

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, 18th August 2016, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of Michael and the late John Nutt. Loving mother of Heather, loving grandmother to Samantha and James, great-grandmother to Freddie and Olivia.

We will all miss you dearly.

Funeral service at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ely at 11.30am on Friday, 9th September, followed by burial at Ely Cemetry at 12.30pm.

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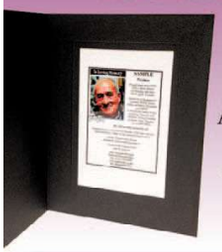

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BUSINESS

Popular eatery on A10 closes

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

A POPULAR pub and restaurant has closed its doors.

The Travellers Rest, on the A10 in Chittering, was taken over by Steve Shipp in January this year.

The *Ely News* told how Steve had ambitious plans for the pub and aimed to stock the widest selection of ales, beers and ciders in Cambridgeshire.

However, a post by Steve on the Travellers Rest Facebook page informed customers the venue was shutting immediately.

The post explained that Steve started work at the pub as the chef in September last year, before being told it "wasn't busy enough" to keep going by the pub's then owner.

In January this year Steve decided to take the pub on and in May 7 he relaunched it as the Travellers Rest American Steakhouse and Grill.

Steve's Facebook post read: "Most weekends we were fully booked and turning people away. But in July I was again told my cancerous disease I had previously had three times returned.

"I let things slip, my 110 per cent wasn't in it. From the word go we had problems associated with an old building.

"Then the last blow struck, our main competition announced its forthcoming restaurant launch in Ely."

Steve explained how it had been "one intense year" but he worked with an amazing team that had become more like family.

He said after many sleepless nights the decision was made to close the premises, adding: "I'd like to thank my staff and my customers for making it the best time of my life even when I was at my lowest."

The Facebook post has been met with many comments of support for the venue.

COMMUNITY

Literary Festival to make its mark

LITTLEPORT Library is hosting its first ever literary festival this month.

The action-packed festival is running from September 5-17 and features talks by local authors, book launches and school visits, meaning there is something to appeal to all ages.

The festival is being funded by the Arts Council as part of Cambridgeshire County Council's Arts Alive in Libraries programme.

Highlights include author Midge Gillies at the library on Wednesday, September 7, author Benjamin Johncock at the library on Friday, September 9, a Roald Dahl birthday party there on Saturday, September 10 and author Alison Bruce at the library on Tuesday, September 13.

To find out more, pop into either Littleport Library or Ely Library. Alternatively, email *ely.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk*.

Army focus for author's new book

AWARD-WINNING local author Midge Gillies has released her sixth book.

Army Wives; From Crimea to Afghanistan: the Real Lives of the Women Behind the Men in Uniform, uses first-hand accounts, letters and diaries to tell the fascinating and varied stories of the women who lived through the life-changing events of war.

The book explores all aspects of army life, from the impact life-changing injury – mental or physical – has on the family, to the everyday pressures of being a modern army wife, whether living in barracks or trying to maintain a normal home life outside 'the patch'.

Midge lives in Ely with her husband, crime novelist Jim Kelly, and their daughter, Rosa.

Army Wives is available at all good book shops, priced at £20.

CONSULTATION

Have a say on level crossings

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

PLANS to close or change the use of level crossings in Cambridgeshire will be the focus of a second round of consultation events in September.

Network Rail bosses have identified around 130 level crossings in East Anglia that they feel should be closed or modified – including 32 in Cambridgeshire.

They say closing crossings and diverting to alternatives will not only make the railway safer by removing the point where people can come into contact with trains, but that it will also help improve reliability and enable separate, potential future developments for faster and more frequent services.

However, the proposals, which Network Rail says does not affect A or B roads, are proving controversial, with residents and organisations saying closing some crossings will affect walking and cycling routes.

Following feedback from members of the public at consultation events earlier in the year, the potential closure of Adelaide level crossing (C23), which is public footpath 49 in Ely, has now been removed from the list "in order to preserve a circular walking route in the area".

Richard Schofield, Network Rail's route managing director for Anglia, said: "The initial consultations were very successful and we gathered a lot of useful feedback.

"I'd encourage anyone interested to come along to see the updated proposals and share any concerns or ideas with us, before we put these forward under Transport and Works Act Orders early next year.

"The proposals include small changes to how people cross the railway and the closures will help us reduce the risks that level crossings pose, improve safety and reliability of the railway for the future."

Among the local crossings which could be closed or altered are: West River Bridge, Little Thetford; Ely North Junction; Second Drove, Ely; Prickwillow 1, Ely; Prickwillow 2, Ely; Munceys, Fordham; Wicken Road, Soham; Leonards, Soham; Newmarket Bridge, Ely; Wells Engine, Ely; Cross Keys, Ely; Furlong Drove, Little Downham; Black Horse Drove, Littleport; Clayway, Littleport; Coffue Drove, Little Downham; Littleport Station, Littleport; Poplar Drove, Littleport and Willow Row/Willow Road, Littleport.

Consultation events are being held at March Community Centre on Wednesday, September 7 from 2-7pm, Hughes Hall in Cambridge on Thursday, September 8 from 2-7pm and Littleport Village Hall on Monday, September 12 from 2-6.30pm.

To find out more, visit w*ww.networkrail.co.uk/anglialevelcrossings/*

NetworkRail

Find out about Anglia Level Crossing Proposals

Over the past few years Network Rail has been working hard to better manage its level crossings and the risks they pose. We have developed proposals to manage the possible closure and changes to public rights of way at around 130 level crossings in Anglia.

We value your feedback on our preferred options for the level crossing proposals in your area, and would like to invite you to a public exhibition to find out more and provide the opportunity to comment.

Public exhibition – Littleport
A public exhibition regarding our preferred options for level crossing proposals in the Littleport area will be held on:

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ENTERTAINMENT

Try to crack Cromwell Escape Room

A FAST-GROWING craze that sees members of the public locked in a room and asked to solve puzzles to escape is set to storm Ely.

A pop-up Escape Room, which is an immersive interactive experience, and which has been referred to as a real-life *Crystal Maze*, is being launched at Oliver Cromwell's House, in St Mary's Street.

Groups of between four to eight people will be arrested and imprisoned by Cromwell's men and given an hour to find the clues, solve the riddles and crack the code to locate a golden key.

The tailor made experience will be run on the first weekend of each month from September through to December.

Tracey Harding, manager at Oliver Cromwell's House said "This is the perfect activity to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary or just an excuse for a memorable experience. Oliver Cromwell's House provides the perfect backdrop for this bespoke Escape Room challenge."

Sessions are priced at £80. To book, or to find out more, call (01353) 662062 or email *tic@eastcambs.gov.uk*.

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More charity and fundraising news at cambridge-news.co.uk

BEST PALS: Charlotte Page and Pandora are taking part in this year's Pedigree Paws Unite

Best feet – and paws – forward

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

YOUNG dog handler Charlotte Page is at it again – using her love of canines to raise money for charity.

Charlotte, 22, from Pymoor, and her four-year-old Dalmatian, Pandora, fought off tough competition to win the Young Kennel Club's Outstanding Young Person of the Year Award at Crufts earlier this year.

Charlotte, whose family have been exhibiting dogs for years, had earlier been named Fundraiser of the Year in recognition of her fundraising for the charity, Dogs for Good – before she and Pandora went on to be crowned overall winners.

Now, the dynamic duo are gearing up for Pedigree Paws Unite – a huge annual sponsored charity dog walk.

The event was started by Crufts 2013 winning handler Gavin Robertson. Following his win with his Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, Jilly, Gavin organised Jilly's Jolly Jaunt, a 130-mile walk from Birmingham to London that summer, which raised £49,000.

The walk has grown and grown, and this year all 216 Kennel Club (UK) recognised breeds – from Chihuahuas to Irish wolfhounds – will be taking part in a series of sponsored walks across the UK totalling 160 miles from September 12-18.

It is hoped the walks will raise £70,000 for seven charities – Make A Wish Foundation, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, National Search and Rescue Dog Association, Dog AID, the Cinnamon Trust, PACT Sheffield and Ty Hafan.

Charlotte and Pandora are doing their 25-mile walk on September 12.

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Indian Cookery ~	15 Oct	1	Sat	1000-1600	£35	-
Learn a Facial in a Day	15 Oct	1	Sat	1000-1600	£35	-
Maths for the Workplace	15 Oct	1	Sat	1000-1600	£35	-
Mediterranean Cookery ~	15 Oct	1	Sat	1000-1600	£35	-
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Ely

■The Friends of Ely Museum's AGM is being held in the museum's Vernon Cross Room on Thursday at 7pm. It will be followed by a talk about Ely's past.

■Yvonne Brown hosting a medieval magic workshop at Sew Much To Do on Friday. On Saturday, Ginette Heard is then hosting a two at a time socks workshop. Both are from 10am-4pm. Call (01353) 664000.

■Ely and district branch of the U3A meeting at the Countess Free Church on Tuesday, September 6 at 2.30pm. New members welcome.

■The prosperity of humankind is the title of the Ely Local Discussion Group's talk on Tuesday, September 6 at 7.30pm. Call 07746 761519.

■Ely Photographic Club holding an introduction evening on Wednesday, September 7 at 7.30pm. Search for the group on Facebook.

■St Mary's Church starting a new Love Actually group on Thursday, September 8. The group, aimed to help people strengthen their partnership, will meet at Costa at 7.45pm. Email office@stmarysely.org.

■Tim Meakin hosts City of Ely Flower Club's demonstration at Ely College on Thursday, September 8. Its title is 'Autumn Splendour' at it starts at 7.15pm. Call (01353) 610436.

Haddenham

■Alison Campling Williams hosting needle felting workshop at Haddenham Galleries on Saturday, September 10 from 10am-4pm. Call (01353) 749188.

Littleport

■Community market at Adams Heritage Centre celebrating its first birthday on Saturday from 9am-1pm. Free admission.

■Pool tournament at Littleport Leisure Centre on Saturday, starting at 7pm. On Sunday there is then a fun day with barbecue, music, rounders and more. Call (01353) 860600.

■Quiz night at The Crown Inn on Tuesday, September 6 at 7pm. Call (01353) 862700.

Little Thetford

■Tea party at Little Thetford Acorns Pre-school on Saturday from 2-4pm to celebrate its 40th birthday. Call (01353) 649234.

Soham

■Local historian Mike Rouse hosting a talk, Memories of an Ely Man, at Berrycroft Church Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm. Admission free for Soham Museum History Group members, £2.50 for non-members.

■Coffee morning at Soham Library on Saturday from 10am-noon.

Stuntney

■Stuntney and District Gardening Club meeting at Stuntney Social Club on Monday, September 5 at 7pm. Call Betty on 07775 503595.

Wentworth

■Art and craft exhibition at Wentworth Church on Friday and Saturday. It opens at 7.30pm on Friday and is open from 10am-4.30pm on Saturday. Demonstrations, children's activities and refreshments too. Entry £1.50 for adults, free for children.

GIVING IT A GO: The Mayor and Mayoress of Ely, Ian and Suzanne Lindsay, pictured in Ely during the Morris dancing procession.

Morris sides raise funds for charity

MORRIS dancers have used their moves to help raise more than £1,000 for charity.

A Morris dancing procession is held in Ely as part of the city's annual folk festival in July and this year the sides raised a record-breaking £1,062 for the festival's chosen charity, Branching Out.

Branching Out, based in Littleport, supports adults with learning disabilities and additional needs.

Susan Wiggans, its general manager, said: "This is fantastic news. We will use the money to go towards setting up a social area for the people we support. The social area will be used for relaxation, friendship building and improving health and fitness."

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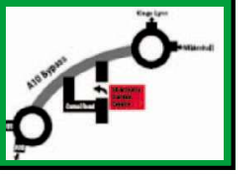

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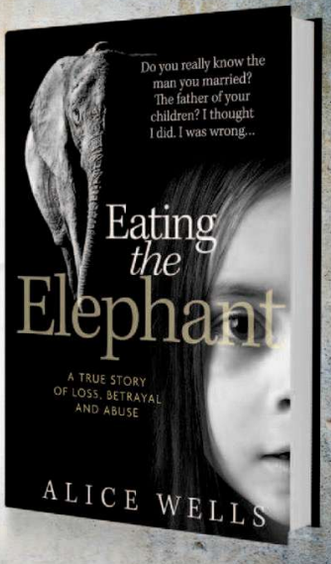

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans lodged to council

A BARN in Littleport looks set to be demolished for a new home to be built in its place.

Mr P Butcher, of Wisbech Road, has applied to East Cambs District Council to demolish a barn at Woodlode, in Wisbech Road, and to build a bungalow at the site.

The council has also received plans for nine new storage units to be built at the Crown Yard Depot in Station Road, Sutton.

Visit *eastcambs.gov.uk* if you would like to view either proposal or have your say.

Kids perfect their aim at archery session

ARCHERY proved popular with children at Littleport Leisure Centre.

The centre held the session as part of its action-packed summer holiday activity programme, which has also featured dodgeball, badminton and soft play fun.

This Sunday families can enjoy a barbecue, music and rounders at the centre.

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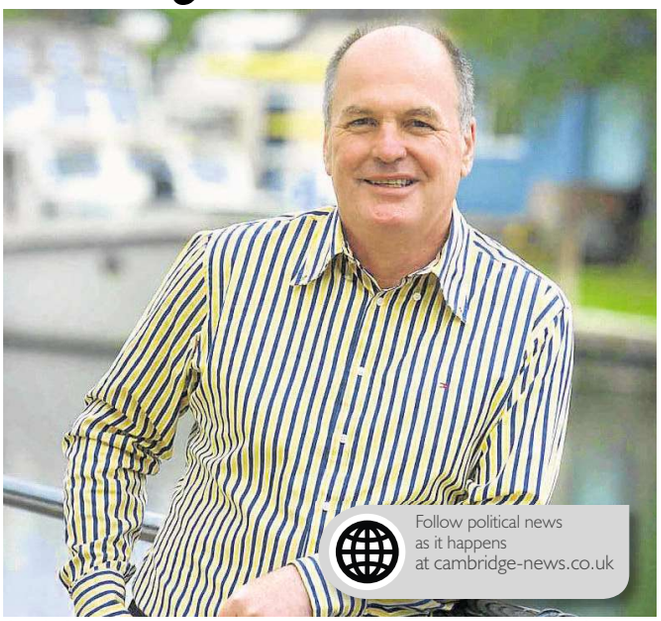
POLITICS

Call to elect an effective mayor for whole county



OUTSPOKEN: Peter Dawe says he would stand for the new mayoral role if it was introduced

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"ONLY an elected Cambridgeshire Mayor can deal with Cambridge's problems."

That's the message from entrepreneur Peter Dawe OBE, following the news that Cambridgeshire's new devolution deal may not be overseen by a directly elected mayor.

Mr Dawe, who is from Ely and set up Pipex, the first commercial internet service in Europe, said: "Only an elected Cambridgeshire Mayor can deal with Cambridge's problems.

"Central government has given us an opportunity to make local decisions fast, responsive and coherent.

"We must not allow politicians to kill our one hope of effective local government."

Theresa May is reportedly considering removing the mayoral element of the devolution deals in a bold policy departure from her predecessors at the head of the Tory party.

Until now a new mayor for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough had been seen as non-negotiable for the county to get new money and powers from Whitehall.

However, the new post has proven to be controversial, given the large geographical area they would have to cover.

The fact they would also command a salary in the region of £70,000 has also been criticised by some.

As previously reported, Mr Dawe announced in April that he would stand for the mayoral role if it was introduced.

He said: "The solution for Cambridge lies in Cambridgeshire, not within a city already overdeveloped and overheating.

"With the Cambridgeshire Mayor boundary being the same as the old county, there would be no need for a new administrative body, with streamlined decisions making costs lower.

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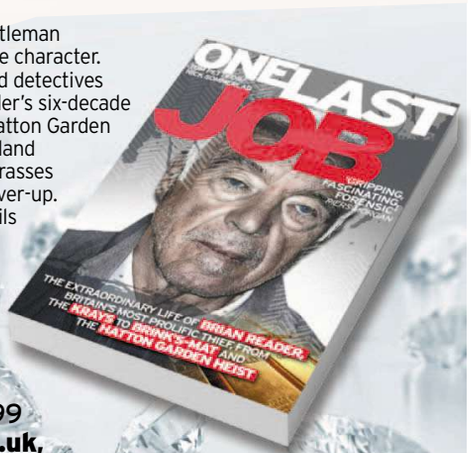

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Instant Access Account	£100+	**0.10**	0.10	**0.10**	0.10
	£10,000+	**0.25**	0.25	**0.10**	0.10
The CAMbens Account	£1+	**0.75**	0.75	**0.50**	0.50
First Account	£1+	**1.70**	1.70	**1.30**	1.30
The Cambridge Maturity Account	£1+	**0.75**	0.75	**0.50**	0.50
Instant Access ISA (Issue 3)	£1+	**0.70 (tax-free)**	0.70 (tax-free)	**0.45 (tax-free)**	0.45 (tax-free)
	£25,000+	**1.20 (tax-free)**	1.20 (tax-free)	**0.80 (tax-free)**	0.80 (tax-free)
Easy Access Business and Council Savers (Issue 2)	£1,000+	**0.50**	0.50	**0.15**	0.15

Accounts no longer available to new savers					
		Current rates		New rates	
Account	Minimum investment	AER %	Gross p.a.%	AER %	Gross p.a.%
Easy Access Accounts					
Sapphire Account	£1+	**0.10**	0.10	**0.10**	0.10
	£10,000+	**0.25**	0.25	**0.10**	0.10
	£50,000+	**0.25**	0.25	**0.10**	0.10
Instant Access Reward Account	£1+	**0.10**	0.10	**0.10**	0.10
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	£50,000+	**0.50**	0.50	**0.25**	0.25
Notice Accounts					
Hallmark Account	£1,000+	**0.15**	0.15	**0.15**	0.15
	£10,000+	**0.25**	0.25	**0.15**	0.15
	£25,000+	**0.40**	0.40	**0.15**	0.15
	£50,000+	**0.50**	0.50	**0.25**	0.25
	£100,000+	**0.75**	0.75	**0.50**	0.50
Hallmark Account (Monthly Interest)	£2,500+	**0.15**	0.15	**0.15**	0.15
	£10,000+	**0.20**	0.20	**0.15**	0.15
	£25,000+	**0.35**	0.35	**0.15**	0.15
	£50,000+	**0.45**	0.45	**0.25**	0.25
	£100,000+	**0.70**	0.70	**0.50**	0.50
30 Day Notice Account	£1,000+	**0.70**	0.70	**0.50**	0.50
	£10,000+	**0.85**	0.85	**0.50**	0.50
	£50,000+	**1.10**	1.10	**0.75**	0.75
30 Day Notice Account (Monthly Interest)	£1,000+	**0.60**	0.60	**0.40**	0.40
	£10,000+	**0.75**	0.75	**0.40**	0.40
	£50,000+	**1.00**	1.00	**0.65**	0.65
60 Day Notice Account	£10,000+	**0.90**	0.90	**0.55**	0.55
	£25,000+	**0.90**	0.90	**0.55**	0.55
	£50,000+	**1.15**	1.15	**0.80**	0.80
	£100,000+	**1.15**	1.15	**0.80**	0.80
60 Day Notice Account (Monthly Interest)	£10,000+	**0.80**	0.80	**0.45**	0.45
	£25,000+	**0.80**	0.80	**0.45**	0.45
	£50,000+	**1.06**	1.05	**0.70**	0.70
	£100,000+	**1.06**	1.05	**0.70**	0.70
60 Day Notice Account (Issue 2)	£1,000+	**0.75**	0.75	**0.55**	0.55
	£5,000+	**0.90**	0.90	**0.55**	0.55
	£50,000+	**1.15**	1.15	**0.80**	0.80
60 Day Notice Account (Issue 2) Monthly Interest	£1,000+	**0.65**	0.65	**0.45**	0.45
	£5,000+	**0.80**	0.80	**0.45**	0.45
	£50,000+	**1.06**	1.05	**0.70**	0.70
90 Day Notice Account	£10,000+	**1.00**	1.00	**0.60**	0.60
	£25,000+	**1.00**	1.00	**0.60**	0.60
	£50,000+	**1.25**	1.25	**1.00**	1.00
	£100,000+	**1.25**	1.25	**1.00**	1.00
90 Day Notice Account (Monthly Interest)	£10,000+	**0.95**	0.95	**0.55**	0.55
	£25,000+	**0.95**	0.95	**0.55**	0.55
	£50,000+	**1.16**	1.15	**0.90**	0.90
	£100,000+	**1.16**	1.15	**0.90**	0.90

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		Current rates		New rates	
Account	Minimum investment	AER %	Gross p.a.%	AER %	Gross p.a.%
ISAs					
Instant Access ISA (Issue 1)	£1+	**0.70 (tax-free)**	0.70 (tax-free)	**0.45 (tax-free)**	0.45 (tax-free)
	£3,000+	**1.30 (tax-free)**	1.30 (tax-free)	**0.90 (tax-free)**	0.90 (tax-free)
Instant Access ISA (Issue 2)	£1+	**0.70 (tax-free)**	0.70 (tax-free)	**0.45 (tax-free)**	0.45 (tax-free)
	£10,000+	**1.30 (tax-free)**	1.30 (tax-free)	**0.90 (tax-free)**	0.90 (tax-free)
60 Day Notice ISA and Members' 60 Day Notice ISA	£500+	**0.80 (tax-free)**	0.80 (tax-free)	**0.55 (tax-free)**	0.55 (tax-free)
	£20,000+	**1.35 (tax-free)**	1.35 (tax-free)	**1.00 (tax-free)**	1.00 (tax-free)
	£25,000+	**1.35 (tax-free)**	1.35 (tax-free)	**1.00 (tax-free)**	1.00 (tax-free)
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STAR SPOTTED: Spanish supermodel Eugenia Silva snapped with her Original Satchel Store satchel

Bags of style

The Original Satchel Store, Impington, makes beautiful (really, really beautiful) satchels and bags. Lisa Millard talks designs, inspiration and celebrity satchel-wearers with OSS' globe-trotting creative director Poppy Nadal (while drawing up her fantasy satchel wish-list).

ART OF THE MATTER: Poppy comes from a creative family

What made you decide to be a fashion designer? Do you come from a creative family?
I've always seen my mother painting after work, and as a child, I would sit with her and talk about colours. I always enjoyed painting with her. My dad is a passionate winemaker – I guess that's another type of art. My sisters are in the arts as well. I trained in fine art at Central St Martins in London, and I always admired the creations of the fashion department, but I love art and live for it. I guess I was attracted by the genius. I always saw myself as an artist/designer. When I started working for Original Satchel Store, I was in London. At the time I was working with an amazing set designer, creating sets prior to various fashion weeks. I designed for catwalks and shoots for fashion magazines. I guess the Original Satchel Store was attracted by my artistic universe, and the previous collaborations I worked on. I was handling the art direction first for the company and that led naturally to having ideas for new bags. So they invited me to join the team for good, and I haven't regretted it for a second.

Which satchel designs are trending this summer?
Hard question because I can't make my mind up out of two of our bags: I love the yellow classic tote, but I think the silver satchel is the one for summer.

The Hera bag (part of the Run to the Sun collection) is striking and stunning and your 'baby' (design-wise). What inspired you?
A lot of it is a mix between pure abstract paintings, together with inspiration from fashion designer Issey Miyake and the drapery of ancient sculptures. When we did the photoshoot for the Run to the Sun collection, we took the models to Cadaques in Spain. It was a favourite place for artists like Magritte, Matisse and Picasso. The sea is impossibly azure and the light is unique. Run to the Sun became the obvious name for the collection.

If I could choose one bag it would be the Soft Leather Tote in forest green or tan (tough choice). What would yours be and why?
I have a tan soft leather satchel and tote which are with me every day of my life.

What's the mood for autumn/winter?
The mood can be summed up with black soft leather satchels and a bronze leather tote. And our top-secret new design that is going to be SO popular . . . I can't wait to start showing it to our international buyers and our customers.

Tell us a little about your design process. Does it start with a sketch or an idea?
I start with an idea which I carry round in my head until it begins to form into a complete product. Then I start sketching and moving things around. At that point I send the sketches to our design studio.

You work across Paris/Barcelona/South of France – is 'place' important to you?
Yes, definitely. It's important to be in the right environment to create day after day. I had amazing experiences and inspirations in London and Paris, but now Barcelona is just right for the time being. Here I have my studio where I work with ceramics and also design my bags. It's just perfect.

Are you designing for an international customer base? If so, are there style markets specific to certain countries?
Yes, there are definitely different style markets, but the satchels are traditionally and purely English, so if international customers come to us, they are specifically after this British style. That's our strength.

There are quite a few brands designing satchels now. What makes Original Satchel Store distinctive?
The quality of the leather and the craftsmanship of our leather workers is what makes our satchels distinct from the others. Our strapline is "Lovingly hand-crafted in England". We are also the only satchel company to have appointed its own bag designer. We are a fashion brand and we have a clear idea of the quality our customers expect.

We love the pannier satchels – perfect for Cambridge cyclists. Any plans to expand the collections?
Yes! Soon we will launch a new leather bag to beautifully stand slightly outside of our traditional range. Super-secret but super-exciting.

If you could design a satchel for anyone, who would it be and why?
I would design it for Iris Apfel (the American business woman, interior designer and, at 94, fashion icon) – her look is irresistible. I hope I'll look as good as her when I'm her age. I would deliver it myself so she could tell me her secret.

Who has been spotted carrying an OSS satchel?
We were contacted by the fashion editor of *Vogue* magazine who asked if we could make a pink satchel with VOGUE embossed in gold for a photoshoot, so of course we did. Supermodel Daisy Lowe has one of our satchels, pictured below, as does Spanish supermodel Eugenia Silva. We also made a bag for Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai who was shot in the head by the Taliban and who recently won the Nobel Peace Prize. That was very special.

More features inside September's Cambridge Magazine, out now

Read the latest edition online at www.cambridge-news.co.uk/CambridgeMagazine

Business background

Steve Greenhalgh of Ely-based Real Public Relations is the founder of The Original Satchel Store.

"Cambridge has been important to us because it's a great place to grow an international business. There is so much business expertise and advice available here. It's just a great place to be.

"The Original Satchel Store launched about four years ago and rapidly grew into one of the most sought-after satchel companies in the UK. The thinking behind the company was to launch a range of beautifully-designed and beautifully-made satchels and other leather bags, with the shared signature of vintage style, durability, being handmade in England and competitive price points. I suppose the most flattering thing is that every time we introduce a new leather bag, like our gorgeous totes, our competitors do the same.

"Satchels are indeed very popular – I would say they are classics. They are definitely a 'must-have' in the wardrobe because they are chic and fit any occasion, even if you just want an everyday bag. They are evergreen . . ."

■For more see original *satchelstore.com.*

CAMBRIDGE'S TOP INNOVATIONS 2016

WITH SO MUCH INNOVATION TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY, WHAT STANDS OUT AS REALLY RATHER SPECIAL?

Cambridge News is looking to find the best innovations to have gone public in the last 2 years.

Culminating in an awards reception on October 5th at Downing College, the prize for the top innovation could go to any company or individual in sectors including technical, medical and digital to name but a few.

The nominations will be put before an expert panel of judges, who will have the difficult task of deciding who the winners are.

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For your chance to nominate, go to www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Top-Innovations – and make sure you keep up with the nominations as we update you in print – in Tuesday's Business supplement – or online.

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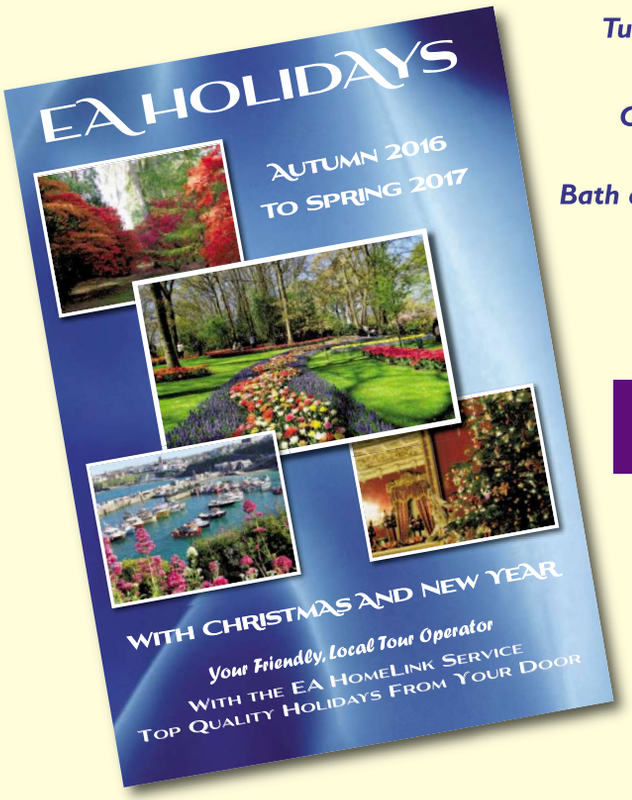

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CRIME

Crackdown on hare coursing

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HARE coursing – one of the Ely area's most common and costly rural crimes – is the focus of a special police crackdown this month.

The hare coursing season traditionally starts in September, and the county's dedicated Rural Crime Action Team says combating the illegal sport is its main priority.

Hare coursing causes damage to crops, harms animal welfare and threatens the rural economy. At times it can also result in intimidation and violence.

Officers will be conducting regular patrols in areas of the county known to be targeted by coursers and say they will be providing a "swift response" to reports from the public.

Signage will also be placed in previously targeted areas to assist prosecution and ensure people are aware the activity will not be tolerated.

Those caught hare coursing could face a criminal behaviour order, seizure of vehicles and other property, a fine and a driving ban.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland said: "Our message is simple – don't come coursing in Cambridgeshire.

"Driving hare coursing out of the county is a priority for the Rural Crime Action Team and we will do all we can to catch those responsible and bring them to justice."

Last month, the *Ely News* reported how rural crime has rocketed by nearly a third in Cambridgeshire.

New figures released by rural insurer NFU Mutual show a 28 per cent increase in countryside crime in the county.

It claims thefts from farms and rural communities now cost Cambridgeshire £1.9 million a year, with the insurance firm also highlighting a trend towards more high-tech crimes.

Earlier this year, Cambridgeshire Police reformed the Rural Crime Action Team – a specialist unit focusing on rural crime – in a bid to clamp down on a rise in countryside offences.

A police spokesman said: "The impact of rural crime can be devastating for local communities.

"Our goals are simple – we want to reduce rural crime and let those in the community know that we are behind them."

Members of the public are urged not to confront people hare coursing but to report ongoing incidents by calling 999.

Anyone with information about any type of rural crime can call police on 101.

For more crime news go to cambridge-news.co.uk

GETTING CRAFTY: Bella, left, 3 and Amber, 5, enjoy their Dahl day
Picture: Richard Patterson

Libraries host Dahl-y fun

CHILDREN'S imaginations have been running wild thanks to Roald Dahl themed activities.

Sessions have been held at libraries across Cambridgeshire to tie in with the county council's summer reading challenge, which aims to get more young people reading.

The fact that this year marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl saw the campaign being given the name the Big Friendly Read.

Activities have included children making their own BFG at Soham Library and making lemonade bubble mobiles, again inspired by the BFG, at Littleport Library. Roald Dahl Day is on September 13.

Tax Digitalisation: Is your business ready?

Amanda Newman specialises in advising Start-ups at Whiting & Partners

As part of the government's latest vision to modernise the current tax system, they announced in the March 2015 Budget that they would introduce digital tax accounts for individuals and businesses. This has now partly been introduced, with individuals being able to view earnings, edit coding notices, claim repayments of tax, apply for some benefits and appoint agents online.

The second part of this introduction is quarterly reporting for all businesses, which for sole traders and partnerships, will come into effect from April 2018. For Limited companies this will be introduced from 2020.

What is quarterly reporting? If you have a business, HMRC want to see quarterly figures for the business, feeding straight from your accounting software. For a lot of small businesses or those of you just starting out, accounting software is an unknown concept as an excel spreadsheet or manual cashbook is the preferred choice. However should HMRC go ahead, all businesses may be required to use accounting software.

There are so many packages on the market, historically Sage has been the market leader but as the world moves onto cloud based programmes, where data can be accessed via an internet connection rather than a standalone desktop computer, programmes like Xero, Quickbooks online, Clearbooks and many more are taking over.

Deciding and introducing a new accounting package can be time consuming and therefore now is the time to plan ahead and worth consulting with an accountant as to which is the best package for you.

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Pecks moves to new HQ on business park

AGRICULTURAL dealership, groundcare machinery specialist and country store Pecks has now moved to Ely's Lancaster Way Business Park.

First established as an ironmonger in the city centre by George and John Peck, the company has been headquartered in Ely since 1846.

Investment in the new purpose-built depot, country store and flagship head office building at Lancaster Way follows a period of sustained growth and expansion – with six depots now operating across Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk.

Managing director Ian Loversidge, said: "Our site in Lisle Lane served us well since we moved operations there in 1979, but due to continued expansion we saw the need to invest in new modern, purpose-built premises.

"This will enable us to enhance our range of high-quality products and continue to provide the very best levels of service to our customers.

"We look forward to welcoming customers old and new to our depot and country store."

The new premises include agricultural machinery sales and service, with workshops accessible to the rear of the building. The lawnmower, groundcare and country store will continue to stock leading brands.

Dorset-based company McCarthy and Stone secured permission to build 57 retirement apartments at the old Peck site in Lisle Lane last year.

More business news at ely-news.co.uk

NEW HQ: Pecks has moved from Lisle Lane, Ely, to the city's Lancaster Way Business Park

Chance to win prizes

THERE are still more than 50 prizes up for grabs – including a holiday to America – in Premier Travel's big birthday giveaway.

The independent travel agency, which has a branch in Ely's Forehill, is giving away 80 prizes in 80 days across its 17 stores in celebration of its eight decades in the travel industry this year.

Customers can still win a holiday to Washington DC if they make a booking with Premier Travel before September 21.

Twenty six prizes have been won so far in the competition, which kicked off on July 4, including boxes of chocolates, bottles of wine, £80 holiday vouchers and afternoon tea.

Pop into Premier Travel or visit *premier-travel.co.uk*.

Improve your fire safety

DROP-IN sessions for businesses to find out more about fire safety are being held in the region as part of a week-long national campaign.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is offering local business owners, managers and staff advice at the open-door events as part of the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) UK Business Fire Safety Week, which runs from September 5-11.

The drop-in event at Ely fire station, in Egremont Street, is on Thursday, September 8, from 10am-4pm.

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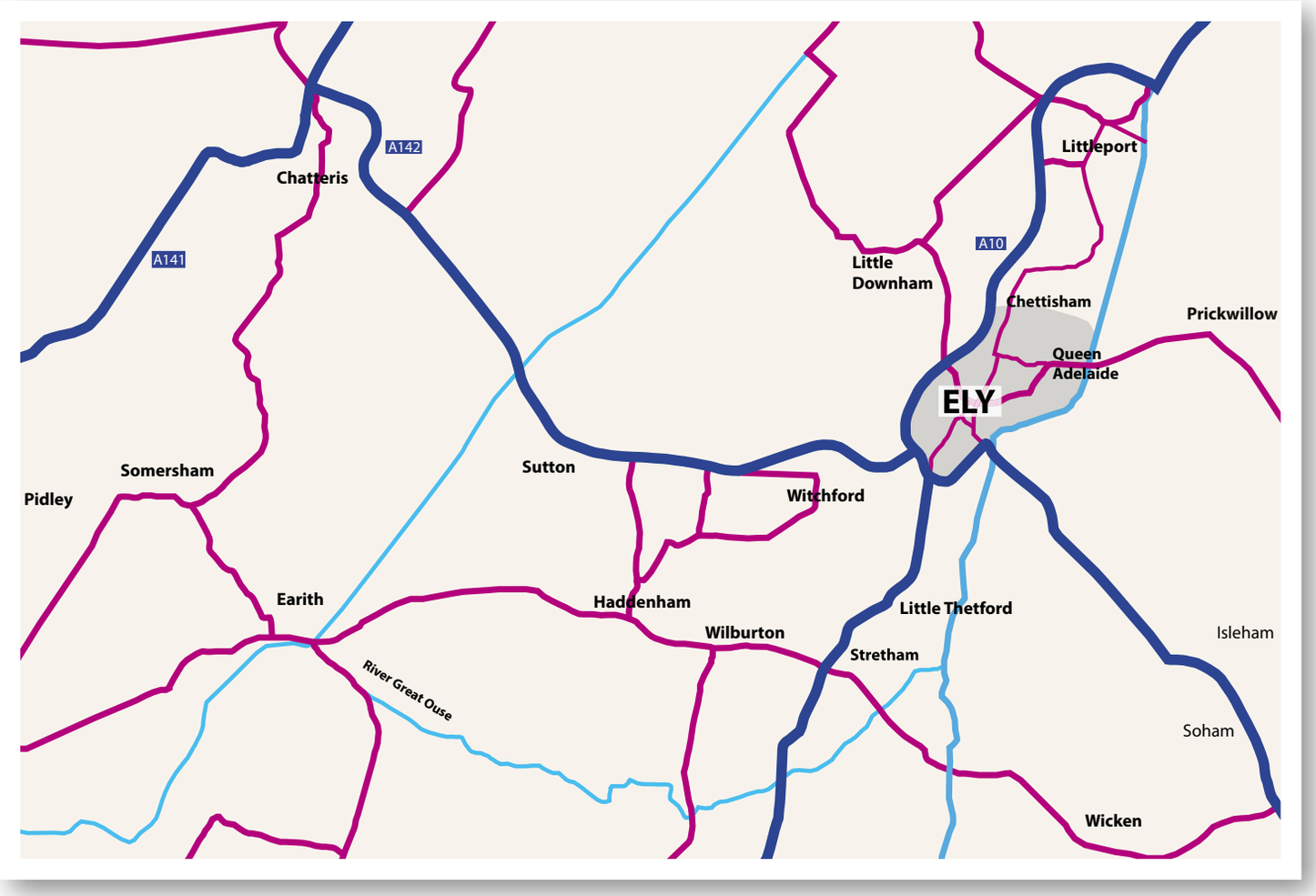

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Back Hill: £600,000

THIS well-presented three storey four bedroom semi-detached Edwardian townhouse in Back Hill is on the market with a guide price of £600,000.
It has accommodation including an entrance hall, a sitting room, a dining room, a kitchen/breakfast/family room and a utility room.
There are four bedrooms and two bathrooms.
Outside there are gardens to the front and rear, and a parking area.
Viewing is by arrangement with Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

Feature homes

Kentford: £625,000

THIS individual new three bedroom detached house in Kentford is on the market for £625,000.
The Octagon House stands in the gardens of Lily Langtry's former home, Regal Lodge, and its octagonal design offers a unique and creative use of space.
It has an inner hallway, a central stairwell, a cloakroom, a sitting room with fireplace and French doors to the garden, a dining area with French doors and a kitchen.
On the first floor there is a galleried landing, a master suite with dressing area and en suite bathroom and two more bedrooms with en suite shower rooms.
Outside there is a shingled driveway and a garage. The property stands in the centre of a landscaped garden with lawn, trees, patio areas and fenced boundaries.
Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

Childhood Cancer Awareness

LOCAL estate agency William H Brown is proud to support Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM) this September, as part of its partnership with CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading charity for children and young people with cancer and their families. Part of the national estate agency network Sequence, which has been supporting CLIC Sargent as its chosen charity since 2001, William H Brown looks forward to a month of fundraising fun and hopes to smash its total of nearly £4,000 raised for the cause last September.
During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month last year, Sequence staff from around the UK raised money in a number of ways, including: bake sales in branches, a 125km sponsored static bike ride, auctioning a signed limited edition Liverpool football shirt and through donations from staff at both Sequence's annual company ball and conference.
"We have been fundraising for CLIC Sargent for over 15 years now, and we're delighted to continue to support the brilliant work that they do for children and young people with cancer and their families," said Scott Stewart, branch manager at William H Brown Ely. "This September, we want to help raise awareness of the struggles caused by cancer for children and young people, and particularly the financial impact for families. CLIC Sargent does some amazing work to support everyone affected by childhood cancer, and we're extremely proud to be able to contribute and be a part of that. In fact, Sequence has already raised just over £9,700 this year, so we're well on the way to smashing last year's total of £11,805!"
Catherine Cadman, fundraising manager at CLIC Sargent commented: "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is such a brilliant way to get involved in raising funds for children and young people with cancer. It is a global campaign taking place across the whole month of September. We are continually grateful to Sequence employees and all that they do to support young cancer patients – thank you very much. Last year's CCAM was a great success, so let's see if we can do even better this year! Good luck and enjoy!"
CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and provides clinical, practical, emotional and financial support to help young people and their families to cope with cancer. For more information, visit *clicsargent.org.uk*.

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A Stones Throw From The River
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A lovely double fronted four bedroom detached property on the popular Highfields development, tucked away at the end of the cul-de-sac. Our sellers enjoyed the quiet location, set off the beaten track. The ground floor comprises of a spacious lounge and recently converted kitched/diner with a separate utility room, followed upstairs by four decent size bedrooms and outside a really good size garden, this is a property you don't want to miss out on.

The Perfect Family Home

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NEW PRICE

Ely £700,000

Situated in a highly regarded City location, this detached family home (circa 1937) is well located for the many City amenities and mainline railway station. Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, kitchen/dining room, sun room, bathroom, cloakroom, 2 offices, study, 4 first floor bedrooms (master with dressing room and ensuite), garage, car port and gardens. EPR F.

NEW

Ely £378,950

Situated in an established City location overlooking a green area and giving easy access to the many City amenities this well presented family home has comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, lounge, family room, dining room, 3 double bedrooms and bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR D.

NEW

Stretham £470,000

Situated on a highly desirable new development on the edge of Stretham The Grafham is a house of distinction. Hall, cloakroom, generous living room, spacious kitchen/diner, cloakroom, well appointed master bedroom & ensuite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, gardens. NOTE THE OUTSIDE & INTERNAL IMAGES ARE OF THE SHOW HOME ON SITE WHICH IS THE SAME HOUSE STYLE.

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Soham Offers In Region Of £269,950

A well presented and spacious townhouse situated on the edge of a popular development. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (bedroom 1 with ensuite) and a family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, parking and garage. EPR C.

Welney £245,000

A spacious and immaculately presented detached bungalow on a superb double width plot with attractive views to rear. Hall, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, conservatory, 3 double bedrooms (1 currently used as a dining room), bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens consisting of a mix of lawn, large vegetable plot and hard landscaping. EPR D.

Little Ouse £245,000

A superbly presented spacious detached home in a rural hamlet with far reaching countryside views to front and rear. Entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan kitchen/ dining room, utility room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom, driveway, garage & gardens. No upward chain. EPR TBC.

Littleport £179,950

An established semi detached property situated within this well served town. Accommodation comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, shower room, separate WC, 2/3 bedrooms together with spacious driveway and rear garden. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing. EPR TBC.

Witchford £385,000

A well appointed detached family home on a modern residential development, well positioned on a corner plot with spacious accommodation comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room, lounge, kitchen, breakfast room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and bathroom, driveway, double garage and spacious garden. EPR C.

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Haddenham £265,000

Situated a short distance from the centre of this highly regarded village, this detached bungalow has accommodation which includes entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, driveway and gardens. EPR E.

Littleport £229,950

A modern detached family home on a popular residential development with a entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, garden and driveway. The property also benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. Offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR C.

Soham £152,000

A well presented second floor leasehold apartment situated in a modern development of houses and apartments. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPR C.

Chettisham £295,000

Character semi detached cottage set in the popular hamlet of Chettisham just outside of Ely. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, open plan kitchen / dining room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom together with spacious driveway, front and rear gardens and countryside views. Viewing is highly recommended. EPR E.

Little Downham £399,950

A spacious detached bungalow within this highly regarded village with countryside views. Requiring modernisation throughout and offered for sale with no upward chain. Entrance hallway, utility, kitchen, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite) and family bathroom, together with spacious front and rear gardens, driveway and double garage. EPR D.

Littleport £439,950

Situated on a generous plot, this detached property has been extended and improved extensively by the current owners. The property offers versatile accommodation with the benefit of an annexe area within the property. Viewing of the property is recommended to fully appreciate the size and flexibility of the accommodation. EPR D.

Stretham £585,000

Superbly presented, high specification, detached home in a private select cul de sac with spacious accommodation. Hall, study, dining room, lounge, kitchen, utility, 6 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, shower room, impressive family room with balcony with far reaching countryside views, driveway, double garage, well maintained garden. EPR B.

Wilburton £650,000

Impressive detached character home, improved & extended over recent years, in a central popular village position. Hall, inner hall, lounge, family room, study, kitchen/dining room, utility, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (master with balcony & ensuite, bedroom 2 with ensuite), family bathroom, extensive gardens, garage, separate store & parking for numerous vehicles. EPR E.

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Witchford £550 pcm

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Wilburton £675 pcm

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Little Downham £725 pcm

Modern two bedroom terraced house with rear garden and allocated parking. EPC rating: C

Ely £750 pcm

End of terrace two bedroom bungalow with an enclosed garden. EPC rating: D

Ely £800 pcm

Two bedroom Bungalow with garden and parking within walking distance of the Rail Station. EPC Rating: E

Soham £850 pcm

Modern three bedroom detached family home with garden, garage and driveway. EPC rating: D.

Ely £925 pcm

Semi detached three bedroom house with a courtyard garden and double garage. EPC rating: E.

Little Downham £1,150 pcm

Recently refurbished four bedroom detached house with an enclosed garden and off road parking. EPC rating: F

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Soham £215,000

Semi detached house in popular location comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and two parking spaces. EPC rating E.

Soham £190,000

Modern end terraced house overlooking open countryside comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Parking for two cars. EPC rating B.

Soham £169,950

Top floor flat with views over Mill pond and open countryside comprising Lounge with balcony, kitchen, two bedrooms, en-suite shower, bathroom. Gas heating. Allocated parking space. EPC rating B.

Soham £164,995

Top floor flat with views over river and open countryside comprising hall, open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, Two bedrooms, en-suite shower, bathroom. Gas heating. Allocated parking space. EPC rating C.

Soham £167,500

Well presented coach house comprising Lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Garage and parking. EPC rating C.

Fordham £215,000

FORDHAM VILLAGE Grade II listed mid terrace house comprising Lounge, Kitchen/breakfast room, Utility, Bathroom, Two bedrooms. Electric heating. (reference: PM366)

Soham £1,150 pcm

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Soham £725 pcm

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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Ely £230,000

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1 2 1 2 EPC C 67m²

Mepal £259,950

A beautifully presented three bedroom family home with a good size rear garden and conveniently situated just a short walk from the local junior school and village store.

1 3 1 2 EPC C 93m²

Ely £380,000

A well presented four bedroom detached family home situated on a generous corner plot with potential to extend (stp) in a much sought after established development.

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Sutton £210,000

NEW

- Semi detached home
- Improved and updated
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Enclosed garden and courtyard to front
- EPC tba

Sutton £279,950

- Detached bungalow
- Quiet village location
- Countryside views
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Tandem garage and driveway
- EPC D

Witchford £249,950

- A modern end terrace home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 'L' shaped Lounge/ Diner
- Spacious conservatory
- Garage and parking
- Rear garden
- EPC Band C

Haddenham £209,950

- Semi detached bungalow
- Please cul-de-sac location
- Backs on to farmland
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Large conservatory
- Garage and parking
- EPC tba

Cottenham £250,000

NEW

- An established end terrace home
- Local schooling is a short walk
- Lounge/diner
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Garage en bloc nearby
- EPC tba

Ely o.i.r.o £380,000

SSTC

- Modern Chalet Style Home
- Convenient location
- 3 Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Oak Flooring
- Enclosed private courtyard
- Parking space
- EPC C

Littleport £269,950

NEW PRICE

- Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dine
- 4 Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Garage
- EPC Rating C

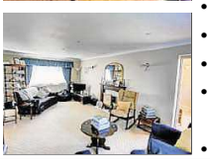
Ely £350,000

NEW

- Updated and improved terraced home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Modern kitchen/ breakfast room
- Heating is gas-fired
- Car parking at the rear
- EPC Band D

Sutton £400,000 O.I.R.O

NEW



- Individual modern detached home
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Seperate diner
- Utility
- Heating Gas fired
- 4 Bedrooms
- Driveway, garage and parking
- EPC Band C

Ely Guide Price £450,000

NEW PRICE

- Detached residence
- Centrally located
- Modernisation required
- Detached barn
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 reception rooms
- Established rear garden
- EPC Rating G

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TO LET

Balsham **£900**

A two bedroom modern cottage in a popular village with good access to Cambridge. The property benefits from en-suites to both bedrooms a spacious lounge/diner and kitchen. Allocated car parking space and an enclosed rear garden.EPC Rating C

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TO LET

Soham **£550**

Centrally located home together with allocated parking. equipped with gas radiator heating the house offers One bedroom good sized living room kitchen & first floor shower room. Early viewing recommended. EPC Rating D

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TO LET

Ely **£850**

Desirable Semi detached home in the popular village of Fordham. Two good sized bedrooms, Sitting room and separate dining room, Galley style kitchen to include fridge/freezer. Bathroom. Useful attic room. Gas central heating, feature fireplaces, off road parking, outbuilding, long rear garden. Epc rating E.

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TO LET

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Compact two bedroom house enjoying the benefits of gas heating and double glazing. Living room, kitchen and first floor bathroom, small rear courtyard, allocated parking. EPC Rating D

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Westley Waterless **£520,000**

A preliminary announcement of a brand new four bedroom detached chalet style home nearing completion within the popular village of Westley Waterless with its beautiful open countryside. The property offers spacious and versatile accommodation and viewing is essential to appreciate the full potential this home has to offer. EPC B

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Bottisham **£650,000**

A truly fabulous six bedroom detached family home situated at the end of cul de sac siding onto open countryside. The present owners have improved the property greatly over recent years and converted the loft space to provide two extra double bedrooms and a shower room. EPC D

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NEW

Newmarket **£250,000**

A luxury three bedroom apartment within a secure gated complex just moments from the High street with its own parking. The property forms part of a complex of both apartments and townhouses within this prestigious development. EPC Rating B.

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Moulton **£365,000**

A fabulous opportunity to purchase a four bedroom detached bungalow situated in an enviable position set well back from the road with views over open countryside. The property offers versatile living accommodation along with well kept mature gardens. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate this home. EPC E

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Newmarket **£165,000**

A fabulous one bedroom ground floor apartment within a grand old building situated close to the town and all facilities. The property retains much of the original charm with high ceilings and large bay windows. EPC E

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SOHAM **£169,995**

BUY TO LET.... A modern two bedroom end of terrace house in a popular location currently rented until November 2016 at £635 pcm. CALL NICK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. EPC Rating D

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Peek into the past

IT'S National Heritage Weekend from Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11 – and as ever buildings in Ely will be taking part.

On the Friday, Oliver Cromwell House will be open from 5-8pm, the Stained Glass Museum will be open from 6.30-8.30pm and Ely Museum will open from 5-8pm.

All three are opening their doors, free of charge, so that both residents and visitors can experience the atmospheric buildings after hours.

On Saturday, numerous tours are being held in the city. There is an Ely architecture guided tour at 11.30am, a tour of Ely Cathedral's West Tower at 10am, a tour around Ely Museum at 11am and tours around the Old Palace every 40 minutes between 10am and 4pm.

You can also take a tour around the old Ely courthouse at 10.30am, 11.30am and 12.30pm.

On the Sunday, Silver Street Cottages will be open from 10.30am-4pm plus there will be tours of the Old Porta and the Monastic Barn, courtesy of King's Ely, every half an hour between 2pm and 4pm.

Prior Crauden's Chapel will also be open from 10am-4pm plus there will be tours around the cathedral throughout the day.

To find out more, including booking tickets for tours, pop into the tourist information centre in St Mary's Street or call (01353) 662062.

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ROUND UP

ELY'S Campaign Amateur Theatre group is holding auditions for its upcoming panto, Beauty and the Beast. The auditions are for people aged 13+ and are at Little Thetford Village Hall on Thursday, September 1 from 7-9pm and Sunday, September 4 from 3-5pm. No previous experience required. Email rebekahgreen2016@outlook.com.

PIANIST Roman Rudnytsky is hosting a recital at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, September 1. It starts at 1.10pm. On Sunday, September 4, Laurence Lyndon-Jones is then hosting an organ recital at 5.15pm. Usual cathedral admission prices apply. Call (01353) 660349 or visit elycathedral.org.

YOUTH Acts Up are holding auditions for their upcoming musical, Cinderella and Rockerfella.
The auditions are for youngsters aged 8-14 and are at Little Downham Village Hall on Saturday, September 3 from 10am-noon. Call (01353) 698338.

A BEER and food festival is being held at the Prince Albert pub in Ely.
The festival is running from Friday, September 2 through to Sunday, September 4. Expect more than 30 beers and ciders, barbecues and live music. Call (01353) 663494.

SWEET Revenge are gigging at The Fountain in Soham on Saturday, September 3 from 9pm. Call (01353) 720374.

DANIEL Berry is hosting a country line dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, September 3.
Doors open at 7pm. On Sunday, September 4 there is then a tea dance with David Last from 2-4pm. Call (01353) 688269.

MUSIC

Concert at Ta Bouche

LGBT fundraising concert at Ta Bouche in Ely on September 10 from 7pm. All welcome.

LGBT+ in Ely are hosting a fundraising concert in aid of Ely LGBT+ Pride.

The event is at Ta Bouche, in Riverside, on Saturday, September 10 and will feature Alys, a singer/acoustic guitar player from retro infused London folk band, Alys and the D90s.

The concert, which is running from 7pm until midnight, will also feature an open mic session for budding musicians, a raffle, games and special cocktail offers.

LGBT+ is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other gender and sexual identities.

Ely LGBT+ Pride is a voluntary organisation promoting an LGBT+ Pride Event in Ely, planned for 2018.

All are welcome to attend the concert, whether or not they are LGBT.

To find out more about the concert, or the Pride event, visit facebook.com/LGBTEly.

ART

Wonderful watercolours on show – and sale – at gallery

SOME of the region's most talented watercolour artists are showcasing their work to the public in Ely.

The Society of East Anglian Watercolourists' exhibition at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, opened on Saturday and is running until Sunday, September 11.

A spokeswoman said: "The society is a vibrant organisation with membership drawn from artists in all corners of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Essex.

"It is the society's aim to bring watercolour in all its myriad forms and subtleties to a wider audience."

The exhibition is open from 12-4pm Tuesday to Sunday. Entry is free.

Visit seaw.co.uk to find out more.

Society of East Anglian Watercolourists' exhibition at the Babylon Gallery RUNS until September 11. Free admission.

FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith

Miles Teller and Jonah Hill play a a couple of ordinary Americans who became arms dealers in this war movie based on a true story

Comedy of terrors

BASED on an article in Rolling Stone magazine and a subsequent book, War Dogs heavily dramatises the true story of two enterprising twentysome-things, who became multi-millionaires as arms dealers to the US military.

Director Todd Phillips, mastermind of The Hangover films, and co-writer Jason Smilovic don't let the truth get in the way of spinning an entertaining yarn.

They embellish the jaw-dropping rags-to-riches narrative with a hare-brained chase through the notorious Triangle of Death to the south of Baghdad, and some fizzing one-liners, which are used as chapter headings to bookmark each stage of the journey.

Miles Teller and Jonah Hill, who garnered numerous awards for their eye-catching work in Whiplash and The Wolf Of Wall Street respectively, are an incendiary double-act.

They clamber over various obstacles thrown in their characters' paths and brazenly wisecrack in the face of death.

Phillips' film opens with TV news footage from the war in Iraq in 2008.

"I see $17,000," explains massage therapist David Packouz (Teller). "That's what it costs to outfit an American soldier."

WAR DOGS (15)

★★★★★

Narrating his own extraordinary story, David introduces us to his wife Iz (Ana de Armas), with whom he hopes to raise a family by selling bed sheets to local care homes.

His get-rich-quick scheme flops and David is reluctant to tell his spouse that the boxes of bedding cluttering up their apartment are not their golden ticket to a brighter future. At this low ebb, David meets his friend Efraim Diveroli (Hill), who has discovered a website which lists contracts that the US military needs to be fulfilled.

"When life kicked me, I stayed down. But Efraim? He kicked back," gushes David, who agrees to become a partner in this shadowy yet highly lucrative business.

The buddies tender for a massive munitions contract with the help of infamous dealer Henry Girard (Bradley Cooper) and underbid by $53 million.

David travels to Albania to fulfil the contract, aided by his driver Bashkim (JB Blanc), who knows which palms to grease.

When David questions the morality of the business, which he keeps secret from Iz, Efraim immediately hits back.

"This isn't about being pro-war," he counsels David. "It's about being pro-money."

Deal him in: Bradley Cooper also stars

Bolstered by strong performances from the two leads, War Dogs is an engrossing and frequently uproarious comedy of errors.

Phillips and Smilovic's script short changes the supporting characters: Iz exists solely to prick David's conscience with her fleeting words of wisdom.

However, they do they craft some big laughs like when the buddies visit a weapons expo in Las Vegas and David pithily describes the event as "Comic-Con with grenades".

War – what is it good for?

It's very good for lining the pockets of the greedy and the enterprising.

THE PURGE: ELECTION YEAR (15)

★★★★★

SOBERING political reality trumps blood-saturated fiction in the third instalment of James DeMonaco's horror series, set in a dystopian America which has legalised murder for 12 hours every March to sate the population's bloodlust and reduce crime levels for the rest of the year.

Eighteen years after her entire family was slaughtered on Purge night, Senator Charlie Roan (Elizabeth Mitchell) is poised to narrowly win the 2022 Presidential election by campaigning on a promise to end the annual cull.

Her rival, Minister Edwidge Owens (Kyle Secor), is a firm believer in the Purge and has the full backing of the New Founding Fathers (NFF), the shadowy political hierarchy led by Caleb Warrens (Raymond J Barry). These men and women are distressed by the possibility of Roan winning over the electorate and they plot to eliminate her.

Election Year proves a flimsy follow-up to the first two Purge movies

Warrens masterminds a scheme to undermine the security measures put in place by the Senator's most trusted bodyguard and protector, Leo Barnes (Frank Grillo).

The Purge: Election Year is one hack 'n' slash too far for DeMonaco's neat premise.

Plotting is flimsy and characters are thinly sketched, so we don't have a strong emotional attachment to them.

Williamson provides comic relief to dissipate tension, almost putting a bullet in the head of one friend, who creeps up on him.

The lack of new ideas and directorial verve is palpable.

ALSO SHOWING

BAD MOMS (15)

WRITER-DIRECTORS Jon Lucas and Scott Moore, who penned the opening film of The Hangover trilogy, advocate sexual equality when it comes to behaving badly in this raucous comedy about an exhausted mother, who throws caution and her inhibitions to the wind.

Picture-perfect parent Amy Mitchell (Mila Kunis) is a sales rep for a coffee company and manages to juggle work pressures with her responsibilities to her husband Mike (David Walton) and two children, Jane (Oona Laurence) and Dylan (Emjay Anthony). In the aftermath of a shocking discovery, a distressed and angry Amy publicly quits the parent-teacher association headed by Gwendolyn (Christina Applegate) and her fierce sidekicks, Stacy (Jada Pinkett Smith) and Vicky (Annie Mumolo).

Mothers ruined: Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis and Kathryn Hahn

Amy drowns her sorrows at a nearby bar, where she is befriended by Carla (Kathryn Hahn) and Kiki (Kristen Bell), who encourage Amy to let down her hair and join them on an alcohol-fuelled night out.

The following day, Amy reevaluates her highly regimented approach to daily life and implements some sweeping changes that have repercussions for Mike, the children and Gwendolyn's snarling PTA posse.

MECHANIC: RESURRECTION (15)

JASON STATHAM flexes his muscles and chisels his jaw in Dennis Gansel's testosterone-fuelled sequel to the 2011 action thriller The Mechanic.

Picking up straight after the first film, Resurrection follows hitman Arthur Bishop (Jason Statham) in the aftermath of a failed attempt on his life by his duplicitous partner, Steve McKenna (Ben Foster).

Jason Statham as Arthur

Since the rest of the world believes he is dead, Arthur retires from the killing game and plans to settle down with his sweetheart Gina (Jessica Alba) in a sun-kissed tropical paradise.

Unfortunately, an old adversary, Riah Crain (Sam Hazeldine), discovers Arthur's whereabouts and pressures him back into action by kidnapping Gina. In order to save the woman he loves, Arthur must travel around the globe and carry out three suicidal missions to assassinate underworld figures such as Max Adams (Tommy Lee Jones).

In the process, Arthur forges new alliances and uses his fighting skills to take on Riah and his gun-toting henchmen.

BOX OFFICE TOP TEN

1. Finding Dory
2. Suicide Squad
3. David Brent: Life On The Road
4. Jason Bourne
5. The BFG
6. Lights Out
7. Pete's Dragon
8. Swallows And Amazons
9. Nine Lives
10. Mike And Dave Need Wedding Dates

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YOUNG 22yr professional, outgoing, attractive blonde looking for a serious guy for country walks and maybe more. **Text only Mailbox: 5531676**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3000 Box 419673**

IRENE, looking for a financially stable man, with own house, who will kind and loving, and treat me like his Queen, in the Cambridge area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423769**

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SHEILA, beautiful lady, the colour of the sun, I am brown, I am looking for somebody caring, honest, loving, solvent, somebody who wants a serious relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422689**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

SASHA 33yr old fun loving attractive single mum looking for love with open-minded male seeking similar fun times without ties. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423573**

KERRY, 35yrs, married in open relationship, attractive, tall, slim and very presentable. Seeks discreet gent any age for casual pleasurable encounters. **Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 422363**

THERESA, 44, green eyed single mum, very lonely, looking for loving companionship with male in similar situation, hopefully to become soul mates. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423601**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399**

RUTH, 41, single mum fed up with child play, looking for adult relationship with attractive loving guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423629**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 421375**

ANNA, 66, Irish, 5ft 2ins, shoulder length blondish hair, n/s, non-drinker, looking for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423785**

LORRAINE, attractive solvent brunette, 34yrs, own house/car wltm gent any age, looks unimportant but must have GSOH. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 422415**

CARRIE single 29yr old slim pretty Care Assistant, looking for a fun guy for nights in/out, good times, love and laughter. Give me a ring. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423489**

KATIE, 39yrs, loves dressing up, role play, fun etc. Hoping to meet like minded chap any age but must be understanding. **Text Only Box: 4085012**

FEMALE, kind, loving, honest, caring, no attachments to any other man , I am looking for a kind, loving, honest, caring male, somebody with no attachment to another woman, white and rich. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422469**

TAMLA, naughty but nice, curvy kitten! I am 46yrs and love to have some fun. Dates/Chats, something different. Pls call me. **Text Only Box: 4185035**

BEV 32, 5ft, petite, very pretty, trendy with a great figure and big personality, loves animals, children and WLTM fun male to be my soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423473**

CAROL, 38, slim gorgeous brunette with lots of interests looking to put some romance back into life, seeking willing male to spoil rotten and love. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423439**

55 year old female looking for friendship, meals out, coffee, chats, work part time and carer for parent. **Text only Mailbox: 5517508**

CAROLINE, slim attractive 40's fit female, OHAC, divorced and ready to be romanced again, seeks similar minded male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423301**

ABI 40yr old very happily divorced female looking for similar male 35-50yrs to enjoy nights in romancing, chatting and making each other smile again. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423255**

CATHY attractive 35yr singleton, varied interests, looking for trustworthy male for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423231**

I am a white caring lady, a young 55, seeking a caring black man for meals out, pubs, walking out, or just cosy nights in. **Text only Mailbox: 5518879**

BLACK, attractive cultured lady seeks white gentleman, age 40-60 for friendship first perhaps LTR later. **Text only Mailbox: 5511784**

JANE, very attractive blonde, own house in lovely village, car etc, loves travel to sunny places, entertaining, exercise WLTM male with similar interests. **Text only Mailbox: 5430085**

ATTRACTIVE energetic mature lady, looking for well-travelled, solvent companion for holidays, dining out and days away. **Text only Mailbox: 5502846**

BROWN eyed brummie female 65 smoker likes music, cinema, theatre, meals out, WLTM male 66 - 73 for LTR. **Text only Mailbox: 5501142**

SINGLE tall blonde, 30yrs, bored of life's mundane routines looking for some discreet fun with likeminded man, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423089**

CAROL, 44, brunette with plenty of spare time on her hands seeks special mature male for fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423057**

SABINA, 35, outgoing attractive brunette, fit and carefree just looking for fun times without complications, maybe more later. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423003**

KATHY 40ish, passionate, outgoing, adventurous red haired lady looking for adventure, seeks tall good looking guy for a relaxed no strings relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423005**

ALISON, lonely shy blue eyed blonde, 46, just wanting to be loved, looking for caring man to pamper in return for mutual TLC. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422859**

FEMALE, 33, blue eyes, long blonde hair, pretty, slim, looking for Asian man to have some discreet no strings fun with. **Text only Mailbox: 5495296**

BIRMINGHAM female 65, smoker, likes music, cinema, theatre, meals out, WLTM male 66 - 73 for LTR. **Text only Mailbox: 5474599**

GENUINE Cambridgeshire lady, 73, blonde, 5ft2, caring, active, enjoys country walks, gardening, eating out and cinema, seeking genuine, caring gentleman to share the same interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421989**

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MAUREEN, 38, pretty brunette, new to the area and very lonely, looking to meet someone understanding for convenient friendship, 30-60yrs. Can travel. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422815**

ANNE, 40, pretty professional fun female with great curves, looking for fun and romance with down to earth male looking for similar. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422711**

JULIE, petite, slim, attractive blonde young looking early 40's, enjoys wining, dining, theatre seeking good looking romantic male, 45-55, for mutual spoiling. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422709**

male seeking

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MALE 62 young looking, kind hearted, interests cooking, gardening, sport looking for LTR. **Text only Mailbox: 4631948**

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 388372**

GEORGE 48, seeking mature female 50 to 80 for no strings adult fun. **Text only Mailbox: 5525079**

LANDSCAPE builder, fun, loving, kind, wrong side of 40, seeking female for concrete relationship, age/race/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421299**

TALL male 31, black hair, blue eyes, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 304387**

RETIRED widower, 5'7'', slim salt/pepper hair, quite active, interests vary, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, seeks mature lady for friendship. **Text only Mailbox: 4906469**

RYAN, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cambs area. **Text only Mailbox: 4886067**

MALE, 56, kind-hearted would like to meet female early or late 50s. **Text only Mailbox: 4371824**

FIT mechanic, looking for females any age for friends with benefits arrangement. **Text only Mailbox: 4605333**

YOUNG looking 30s male, five foot eight, slim, blonde hair, blue-eyes, looking for naughty 40s female, for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420513**

MALE wishes to meet female, early to late 50s for nights in and nights out. **Text only Mailbox: 4371824**

WILLIAM, 65 and young looking, fit and active, WLTM a slim, attractive Chinese/Asian lady, 35-50, for LTR and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423041**

TALL attractive male, 56, looking to meet a mature woman, size 18 plus, any age, for close fun times. **Text only Mailbox: 5410860**

ROGER young minded, 67, very adventurous, looking for a lady 40 years old upwards who is smart and would like to enjoy times with me. **Text only Mailbox: 5350823**

BOB young at heart active 66 yr old widower, genuine, honest, caring and considerate gent with a GSOH WLTM a genuine lady, similar age. **Text only Mailbox: 5503258**

MATURE male seeking fun times, Coventry area. **Text only Mailbox: 4830151**

BILL, 65, young looking, very fit and active, own home and business, lives in nice village, likes most things in life, looking for an Asian/Chinese lady, 35-45, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423081**

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MALE, 71, fit, smart, seeks Cambs, Suffolk, Norfolk lady, for days in and out, fun times, friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420929**

TALL male 56, seeks close adult fun with open-minded woman, 40 to 75, any status or size. **Text only Mailbox: 5410860**

52 yr old male, average build, fit. lonely, seeks a lady for fun times, LTR, soul mate, or discreet dates, can travel. **Text only Mailbox: 5418572**

MALE 68, easygoing, semi retired, likes walking, cinema, eating out, driving, watching most sports, WLTM lady 55+. **Text only Mailbox: 4856527**

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422995**

gay seeking

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BI male 59 seeks males 40 to 65 for friendship near Tamworth. **Text only Mailbox: 4355756**

58YR old slim, Northampton bi male, seeks similar bi/CD male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 399445**

50YR old bi male, seeks bi/CD for lots of fun and games. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 405835**

ATTRACTIVE bi male, 60, seeks similar bi/CD for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406035**

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Hyundai's reliability has been very good ever since it launched in this country and secondhand i10 prices are very reasonable because of low prices new. They are all very easy to drive, manoeuvre and park.

I'll concentrate here on the model built between 2008 and 2013, which initially came with 1.1 or 1.2-litre engines.

This was replaced in 2011 by a new high economy 1.0-litre and a 1.25 four and the whole car was refreshed and up-dated.

The 1.0-litre three cylinder Blue Eco model comes with low rolling resistance tyres and other fuel saving tech that makes it very reasonable to run.

Good power steering, small size and an almost vertical rear make all i10s very town friendly and they even cope reasonably well with longer trips.

As well as a five-speed manual gearbox there's a four-speed automatic but this runs out of 'oomph' at anything above 60 miles an hour and is to be avoided unless you have to have it.

There is some wind and road noise but it's not too intrusive and the engine is smooth and reasonably quiet until pressed.

Handling and road-holding are pretty good, giving a fair amount of fun through the corners and although the driving position is not perfect, I didn't find it really uncomfortable.

There's room for four adults and comfort is up to other city cars, but the boot is tiny.

All have five doors and air con, electric windows, an MP3 compatible CD player, aircon. front and side airbags, folding rear seats and a height adjustable column.

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Audi A4

IT may be the final frontier for Captain Kirk and Dr Spock – but for buyers of estate cars space is also very much a prime consideration.

Often, though, the extra load lugging capacity offered by these family wagons means we are forced to sacrifice some performance.

But that need not be the case if you've got £40,000 burning a hole in your pocket – because this 3.0-litre diesel version of Audi's A4 Avant is a roomy estate that refuses to compromise.

Available only in range-topping S line trim and with the German car maker's acclaimed quattro all-wheel drive system this is the flagship model of this year's rejuvenated A4 Avant range – and it packs a real punch.

The V6 powertrain is paired exclusively with a versatile and super-smooth eight-speed automatic gearbox and delivers sports car pace and acceleration, capable of 0-62mph in just 5.4 seconds and an electronically limited top speed of 155mph.

The lowered S line suspension, which has been totally re-engineered, along with well-weighted, responsive power steering and the assured grip of the quattro system also make for some dynamic handling. This is an estate that you can drive enthusiastically with total confidence.

Motorway miles are eaten up with ease while the car remains composed and well-balanced taking on winding A-roads and proves equally relaxed and refined even in stop-start urban traffic.

Audi's five-mode drive select system is standard across the range and if I were really nitpicking, then there's a split second's delay in throttle response when in 'comfort' or 'efficiency' modes.

Flick it into 'dynamic' mode, though, and this issue disappears as a sharp thrust on the gas pedal see's you gently forced back into your seat as the car takes off sharply.

As well as offering power, poise and pace, though, the A4 Avant is at the front of the space race too – the new model's 505 litre boot being 15 litres bigger than its predecessor's and topping those in both of its premium German rivals – the Mercedes C-Class estate and BMW 3 Series Touring.

Load capacity rises to 1,510 litres with the rear seats, which are split 40:20:40 for extra versatility, folded flat.

Kit levels are generous across the range and this flagship gets a seven-inch multimedia touchscreen interface with mobile phone mirroring capability, climate control, satnav, DAB radio, Bluetooth, automatic lights and wipers and keyless entry and ignition.

Typically of Audi, though, there is also a long options list and niceties such as an upgraded Bang & Olufsen stereo, heated seats, head-up display, parking assist, panoramic sunroof and adaptive suspension all helped to add a whopping £12,000 or so to the price of this model.

For that outlay you'll want to keep running costs down so it's good to see that even this performance-focused flagship posts a potential 53.3 miles per gallon on average with carbon emissions of 139g/km.

These figures do change to 52.3mpg and 142g/km with the optional 19-inch alloys my car had – but that's not bad for such a powerful car and is the reward for Audi's efforts to make the new model lighter and more aerodynamic.

factfile

Audi A4 Avant 3.0 TDI quattro S line tiptronic
Price: £40,880
Mechanical: 272ps, 2,967cc, 6cyl diesel engine driving four wheels via 8-speed automatic gearbox
Max speed: 155mph
0-62mph: 5.4 seconds
Combined mpg: 53.3
Insurance group: 36
CO2 emissions: 139g/km
Bik rating: 27%
Warranty: 3yrs/60,000 miles

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Skoda Fabia

IT has already been a fantastic year for Skoda and the Czech company looks set for continued success.

The manufacturer is currently achieving record sales and there seems to be no barrier to its strong growth. Earlier this year the car maker celebrated when the Octavia reached five million units, racking up more than 50 international awards on the way.

In July the respected JD Power company named Skoda as the overall winner of its automotive vehicle dependability survey in the UK – with the Fabia (pictured) and Yeti models topping their sectors and the Octavia finishing second in the compact car category.

Meanwhile the fantastic new Superb range has been boosted by the introduction of its fastest ever variant and both the saloon and estate versions continue to win awards and sell well.

But Skoda does not intend to rest on its laurels and later this year it will introduce an all-new large SUV which will feature seven seats as an option and introduce a new design language.

The Kodiaq takes its name from bears that live on a remote island off the southern coast of Alaska. It will share its platform with a number of other VW group products and will sit between the VW Tiguan and the larger Touareg.

The stylish new SUV will certainly give the profile of the brand another lift and more good news will follow as the new Yeti is due to arrive next year.

It seems there's no stopping Skoda, who now have plants in China, India and Russia.

The Czechs also have their eyes on the huge American market and it could be that the Kodiaq will be the vehicle to spearhead the drive.

Skoda are sure to bring out sales incentives and deals for the September registration rush so check their website or contact your local dealer as per the details below for further information.

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47 monthly payments	£89.00	Rate of interest	4.9% fixed
Optional final payment	£3,161.26	Representative APR	4.8% APR
Total amount payable	£10,049.27		

Polo S 1.0 60 PS.

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Duration	4 years	Option to purchase fee payable with final payment	£10.00
Retail cash price	£11,525.00	Total amount payable	£13,366.20
Deposit contribution	£2,000.00	Total amount of credit	£9,525.00
Customer deposit	Nil	Excess mileage (per mile)	4.4p
48 monthly payments	£149.40	Rate of interest	6.64% fixed
Optional final payment	£4,185.00	Representative APR	6.7% APR

Golf Match Edition 1.4 TSI 125PS.

Solutions Personal Contract Plan* representative example subject to 49 month, 8,000 mile per annum agreement for a Golf Match Edition 1.4 TSI 125PS 5-door.

Duration	4 years	Option to purchase fee payable with final payment	£10.00
Retail cash price	£21,282.68	Total amount payable	£24,112.00
Deposit contribution	£2,600.00	Total amount of credit	£17,682.68
Customer deposit	£1,000.00	Excess mileage (per mile)	7.2p
48 monthly payments	£249.00	Rate of interest	5.34% fixed
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Kia Niro in Cambridge and Ely

WANT a car that uses less fuel than the one you drive at the moment?

Well, the obvious way is to choose something designed with economy in mind. The Kia Niro might well fit the bill.

Arriving on Cambridge and Ely roads this month, the Kia Niro is an eco-friendly, reliable and above all – stylish alternative to the more expensive and less efficient models currently on the market.

It is arriving in Cambridge and Ely dealerships for a bargain price (prices start at £21,295 and top out at £26,995) and the new Niro works hard to keep fuel consumption down, thanks to combining petrol power with an electric motor and big battery.

Without trying, you will see a figure comfortably the right side of 40mpg – even cruising the motorway at the same speed as all the Audis and BMWs in the outside lane.

But here's the thing; show a bit of restraint and that figure will charge towards 60mpg and you'll arrive almost as quickly and a lot less stressed.

I know because those figures – 43mpg, getting a move on and 57mpg with a little restraint – shone out from the Niro's dash after a drive in two versions of this Korean-built newcomer.

Here we have a car designed from scratch to provide a family of five with enough space to travel in comfort with lots of luggage and not use too much petrol.

Helping achieve that hoped-for economy (up to 74.3mpg official average, but less in the real world) is a 104bhp petrol engine and a 43bhp electric motor that drive the front wheels through a six-speed automatic gearbox.

It will manage short distances on battery power alone but most of the time the two systems are at work, with the battery recharging itself as you slow down and the electric motor turns itself to braking.

Even with both power sources at work the car feels simply fast enough, not fast - with 101mph flat out and 11.5 seconds to 62mph quoted. But it's all done with the minimum of fuss as the gearbox chooses the right ratio on your behalf.

Style-wise, the Niro is another entrant to the madly burgeoning ranks of crossover vehicles – cars designed to look like a loose mix of sturdy off-roadster and slick hatchback. The world can't get enough of them at the moment, so it would be churlish of Kia not to oblige.

You'd have to say the Niro is a very mild sort of crossover; looking almost as sleek and squat as a hatch and certainly needing no higher a climb into the driving seat. The result is that it slips through the air more easily than most crossovers, to the benefit of fuel consumption and wind noise.

The Kia Niro is available to test drive and order from Cambridge and Ely Kia dealerships today, including EMG Kia. To find out more visit the website on *emgmotorgroup.com/kia* or call (01223) 633767.

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2016 PRODUCTION: New Rio

Today's Rio shifts into gear for Paris

THE all-new, fourth-generation Kia Rio will make its world premiere at next month's Paris Motor Show.

The Rio's new exterior and interior design was led by Kia's design centres in Germany and California, in close collaboration with the company's main design centre in Namyang, Korea.

Straight lines and smooth surfacing give the car a new character, while a longer front overhang and bonnet, longer wheelbase, and more upright rear pillar give the five-door car a more standout and balanced appearance than its predecessor – a rival to the likes of the Ford Fiesta.

The next generation will enter production towards the end of 2016 for Europe, with production timings and prices for the UK to be announced closer to launch.

Heritage hatchback heroes

WHO can forget the incredible 80s (well, except Gen Ys and millennials perhaps)? The era of vintage Madonna, neon bodysuits, *ET* and of course amazing hatchbacks, thanks to the popularity of KITT, the almost-human like companion of Michael Knight in the iconic hit hit *Knight Rider*.

No doubt, the 1980s was the decade of the hot hatchback; a breed of cars that all-but killed the popular mass-market sports cars. Nearly every car or sedan variant seemed to include a hatchback version through the majority of this era. What was it that car manufacturers found so enticing to want to replace a classic trunk with a sloped window?

Here, Heritage Car Insurance takes a look at the top five most iconic hatchbacks of the 1980s that could provide an insight into this burning question.

ICONS: A 1983 Golf GTI Mk2, left, and the cheeky option – a rare Citroen AX GTI

1. FORD FIESTA XR2

The Ford Fiesta XR2 stood out in the hot hatchback market of the 1980s because of its popularity amongst regular drivers. Furthermore, its great looks and brilliantly smooth handling made it an instant showroom winner.

Today the Fiesta XR2 continues to highlight all of Ford's trademark appeal; fast, affordable and fun. It can still be found at your local dealerships for under £1,500. With a little fixing up, this baby will be as good as new. Plus, its value will only increase.

2. VOLKSWAGEN GOLF GTI MK2

The GTI MK2 was a fundamental improvement to the genre-defining MK1, launched in the previous decade. Though not the fastest, nor the most fun to drive among hatchback counterparts. Yet, it was touted as the most complete, with a bigger interior, a more powerful engine, better handling and security as well as vastly reduced under-steer.

Now more popular than ever, the Golf GTI MK2 is possibly the most sensible retro hot hatch on the market. Spares are well catered for.

3. PEUGEOT 205 GTI

Considered by many to be the Holy Grail of hot hatches, the Peugeot 205GTI is equal part light and equal part fast. It offers sharp-edged B-road performance with understated and classy looks and excellent build quality. Its reputation for 'dangerous' lift-off oversteer was largely overplayed – this issue is easily resolved with a set of good modern tyres.

Launched in 1984 in 1.6-litre form, the 130bhp 205 GTI 1.9 followed three years later and became one of the quickest as well as sweetest handling cars of its generation. It is responsive and steers like a go-kart, and that's why so many people still love them today.

4. RENAULT 5GT TURBO

The Renault 5GT Turbo vied with the Peugeot 205 GTI and Volkswagen Golf GTI as one of the defining hot hatchbacks of its era. With a 0-60mph time in 7.1 secondsand a maximum speed of 123mph, it was certainly the quickest of the front runners.

The 5GT Turbo produced some fantastic performance figures with 115bhp and health 121lb ft of torque on tap, thanks to its low weight. The 5GT was inspired by Renault's F1 car, strapped with a Turbocharger onto the 1.4-litre pushrod four-cylinder engine in the earlier Gordini. Today, the 5GT Turbo is rare and becoming increasingly expensive, with good cars costing upwards of £6,000.

5. CITROEN AX GTI

Weighing in at just 720kg, but boasting impeccable performance, the Citroen AX GTI has definitely earned its title as the Rocky Marciano of hatchbacks; a featherweight that packs a giant-killing punch.

The AX had zero flab plus fantastic handling balance and steering feel. Thin metal in non-structural areas of the body, as well as composite body panels, made the car as efficient as possible. This makes its 1.4-litre engine's 101bhp surprisingly effective.

The AX, though much sought-after, is very difficult to find today. A search through owners' clubs would be the best option.

Heritage Car Insurance managing partner, Mark Wilkinson, said: "These cars were standard fare on our roads just a little over 30 years ago. Yet, today they are considered 'classics', increasing in rarity and value."

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Vauxhall Corsa

IF imitation is the sincerest form of flattery then the feisty little Fiesta S Red should be blushing with pride at the arrival of an equally red number from Vauxhall.

The new £17,125 Corsa Red Edition is obviously aimed at the same sort of buyer (youngish, male, keen driver) who would dearly love to grab the wheel of a faster model but can neither afford the monthly payments – or the insurance.

So Vauxhall helps him out with a rather less potent but considerably cheaper (by precisely £1,000 over the VXR) version that aims to give similar thrills, if watered down a little.

Do it with conviction and, bragging rights apart, you'll have a car that's great fun to drive. Put it on our crowded, potholed roads and (whisper it) the slightly softer suspension and less aggressive throttle response might make it a nicer drive.

The Corsa Red Edition comes with a new turbocharged 1.4 litre engine, whose 150 horsepower propel the car to 129mph and reduce the sprint to 62mph to 8.9 seconds. So, perky enough for most.

Driven with restraint (ha!) you might approach the 49.6mpg the car recorded in the official test but it's very unlikely indeed to get anywhere near that in the hands of a typical owner. That's not what he bought the car for anyway, is it?

At least the 132g/km exhaust emissions mean a reasonable £130 annual tax bill and of more concern is going to be how the car looks and how it feels when he's showing off to his mates. We've all been there.

With chunky 17-inch alloy wheels and body coloured front lower spoiler, side sills, rear roof spoiler and rear lower skirt the Corsa Red Edition looks as little as possible like the shopping trolley Corsa STING that starts the range off at less than ten grand.

Add in a chrome-look tailpipe, black roof and door mirror housings – with still more black on the front grille bar and door pillars and here is a car that looks the biz simply standing still.

Dark tinted rear windows and lowered suspension ratchet up the cool look count, while the interior is given a sporty makeover with huggy front seats and fancy pedals and a leather wrapped steering wheel.

There's air con, electric windows and digital radio on the standard spec list, along with a switch to make the steering lighter, a feature that seems redundant on a car designed for the more brawny end of the market.

There was no need, or desire to select the city mode steering function on my Red Edition drive, where the feel through the wheel (which also usefully houses controls for radio and phone) was better than most cars at the price and fitted with electric assistance.

The gearbox has been fettled to make it more precise in this application (as though lesser versions need a less precise feel?) but felt some way less impressively click-click than I'd hoped for.

No doubting the spread of power, though, thanks to a turbo engine that sounds gruff whatever you ask of it and the car is precise enough on corners to make it fun, if the ride is less than forgiving.

The real question than arises; would you rather have the Fiesta S Red? It's less powerful, but £680 less costly and a lot lighter in the other sort of pounds too, so feels nimbler on its toes.

You will need a test drive of both, which is no hardship, surely.

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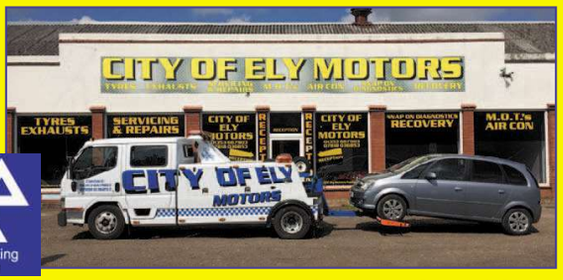

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Mildenhall Fen Tigers edge closer to play-off spot

MILDENHALL just held on after a late scare from Rye House to win 47-43 in a last-heat decider on Sunday to move within a point of the National League top four play-offs.

The Fen Tigers led by eight points three times but the Raiders kept rallying as they adapted better to wet track conditions.

Unbeaten Rob Branford (who clocked West Row's fastest time this year) and Ben Morley forced the final race decider with a 5-1 in heat 13, but Dan Halsey's fine move under Morley landed the decisive second place needed for victory.

Jon Armstrong's four blanks, caused by fuel and electric faults, was a big contributor to Mildenhall's flagging second-half performance.

"Rye House wanted it more but I'm happy we got the points," said promoter Kevin Jolly.

Mildenhall – Halsey 13 (6 rides), Coles 12+2 (6), Bowtell 9+2 (5), Jenkins 7+1 (5), Parker 3+2 (3), Armstrong 3 (5).

Rye House – Branford 14+1 (5), Morley 11 (5), Priest 8 (4), Locke 5 (4), Hunter 2+1 (4), Leek 2 (4), Woods 1 (4).

Mildenhall's second away win came at a heavy cost on Friday at

Speedway

Coventry with reserve Sam Bebee suffering multiple injuries in a spectacular crash.

The 15-year-old broke a leg, shoulder and hand after clipping the back-wheel of Connor Dwyer and somersaulting several times over the fence before landing on the greyhound track.

Halsey, who still plans to fulfil his Mildenhall duties after a call-up to Premier League Peterborough, starred again with an unbeaten performance as Mildenhall won 32-28, with the meeting cut short due to a curfew but the result stands.

"I couldn't turn it down," said Halsey. "I've asked I don't miss any Mildenhall fixtures while we chase the play-offs as I'm not willing to stab Kevin in the back and jump ship."

Taylor Hampshire, who made his Tigers debutant Coventry, has joined King's Lynn for rest of the season, leaving Mildenhall without a replacement for Bebee.

Coventry – Bacon 7, Davey 6, Carr 5, Dwyer 4+1, Walker 3, Terry-Daley 2+1, Halder 1+1.

Mildenhall – Halsey 12, Coles 8+1, Armstrong 7, Bebee 3, Hampshire 2, Bowtell 0.

HEADING OUT: Mildenhall's Dan Halsey has been called up by Peterborough

Drama at Soham as match called off

Football

SOHAM Town Rangers chairman Stuart Hamilton paid tribute to the speedy reactions of players, officials and paramedics after their Ryman League, North Division match at home to Norwich United was abandoned after 16 seconds when United's Andy Eastaugh suffered a serious head injury.

Eastaugh suffered concussion immediately after an accidental clash of heads with a Soham player, causing Monday's game to be stopped and later abandoned with both sets of players and management teams in agreement.

Hamilton, a first aid volunteer, was close to the incident when it happened, and rushed on to help along with the Norwich United trainer.

"It was upsetting for everyone concerned," he said.

"I was standing close to it and I could see straight away he was concussed. He went straight down.

"I'm a community first responder and fortunately had my kit with me so I was able to help.

"We checked that he hadn't swallowed his tongue and put him straight into the recovery position. We called for an ambulance straight away and they stayed on the line, telling us what to do."

Eastaugh, brother of Norwich United manager Steve – former assistant manager to David Batch at St Neots Town – regained consiousness after two minutes but was very confused.

"He had no idea where he was, who he was, or why he was there," said Hamilton.

"It was his birthday and that was the only thing he could remember."

A paramedic car arrived at Julius Martin Lane first, followed moments later by an ambulance, which took the injured player to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

Norwich later confirmed that a scan showed there was no brain damage or fractures, but that Eastaught would remain in hospital as a precaution due to severe concussion.

"It was all dealt with in about half an hour," said Hamilton.

"It was very swift and quick. Both clubs handled it really well.

"They've thanked us for how we dealt with it, and we wish the player well and hope he makes a full recovery soon."

Hamilton added: "It was absolutely the right decision to abandon the game.

"After what happened no one really wanted to carry on."

Andy Eastaugh took to Twitter on Tuesday to offer his thanks to Soham.

He said: "Hi everyone, the support is staggering and I can only thank you all for so much love. Memory is still a bit dodgy but all is OK.

"Would like to say a massive thanks to Soham Town Rangers for your understanding and cooperation not that I can remember it."

Earlier in the weekend, Soham suffered a 1-0 loss at Maldon & Tiptree.

In the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division, Ely City have suffered two defeats in quick succession.

The Robins were beaten 3-1 at home to Thetford Town on Saturday, with Mason Newman scoring their consolation goal.

While on Tuesday night, they were defeated 3-2 by Saffron Walden.

George Darling and Ashley Walter were on target for Ely, but Walden hit the winner with minutes remaining.

Cricket

Promotion in sight for Wilburton

WILBURTON took a step closer to a return to the Senior League with a 20-run win over Milton in Mr Cricket CCA Junior League, Division 1N.

Jake Bartolozzi (36) and Tom Walker (32) were the best performers with the bat as they totalled 218 for 8.

Milton then slipped from 97 for 2 to 198 for 9 as Marcus Brook (three for 48) had most success with the ball.

The teams met again the following day in the Junior Cup final, but persistent rain forced it to be abandoned. It has been rescheduled for Sunday.

Witcham beat **Willingham** in 3N.

Nigel Pate, who hit 67, and Hugh Lawrence, who got 65, were on good form as Witcham put 227 for 8 on the board.

Andy Buller (53) did well in the Willingham reply, but they were all out for 147 as Jamie Lawrence got four for 29 and Nigel Hailstone chipped in with two for 37.

Sailing

Team delight for Stamfords in close finish

A TOTAL of six teams competed in the third and final round of the Team Racing Series at Ely Sailing Club.

Despite slow wind conditions, the teams were able to do battle, pushing the rules to the maximum.

The scoring system meant that the finishing position was the number of points a team received, so the crew with the lowest points total were declared the winners.

The final standings were very close, but it was Kirk Stamford and Chandler Stamford who came out on top with 19 points.

Ted Pepper and Mark Coupar were second with 25, and Gary Ungless and Kevin Bilham were third on 27.

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